

Report of the Panel on Educational Reforms

20. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered panel on educational reforms has recently submitted a short-term report to the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The Government has not set up any such panel.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Maintenance of Thermal Power Plants

21. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have drawn up any plans to ensure that maintenance of thermal power plants in the country is carried out in time;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Electricity Boards in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Annual and capital maintenance programme of thermal power stations are drawn up each year after consultation between the State Electricity Boards and the Central Electricity Authority. Instructions have been issued from time to time regarding the need for such maintenance, completion of the programmes according to schedule, and timely mobilisation of spares, materials and expert man power before a unit is taken out. The Union Minis-

ter of State for Power has also addressed the Chief Ministers on the 25th February, 1985 regarding the necessity of efficient and planned maintenance, with a coordinated schedule of outage of units, and the need to organise meticulous and detailed planning so as to complete the work on time. It has also been emphasised that all the activities are carefully assessed and monitored on the basis of PERT charts. The need for continuous and personnel supervision by senior officers has also been stressed.

Karur-Dindigul Railway Line

22. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1018 given in the Rajya Sabha on August 1, 1984 and state:

(a) how much money has been spent as on the 15th February, 1985 out of the allotted funds for the Karur - Dindigul - Madurai Maniyachchi - Tirunelveli; B. G. line for 1984-85;

(b) how much work has been completed; and

(c) by when the line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) The approximate Expenditure upto 15th February, 1985 would be over Rs. 16 crores.

(b) and (c) The parallel B.G. line between Milevittam and Tirunelveli via Manivachi is nearing completion and is expected to be opened to traffic shortly. The overall progress of the work on the new B.G. line between Karur and Dindigul is about 8 per cent. The section from Karur to Palavam is expected to be completed during the next financial year. The progress and completion of the remaining sections will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.