

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) About ten years.

(c) No, Sir. It is not Railway's responsibility.

**Suggestion to set up Autonomous Organisation for Children's Literature**

5225. **SHRIMATI USHA CHAUDHARI :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working group on National Book Policy has recommended an autonomous organisation for children's literature ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereon ?

**THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :** (a) and (b) The working group on National Book Policy has, in their report recommended the creation of a central organisation to acts as the nodal agency of the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the development of children's literature. This organisation, besides writing and translating books, should be made responsible for monitoring, coordinating, planning and aiding publications of children's books in all languages of the country. The recommendations of the working group are under examination.

**Restoration of Train Services on Katakhal and Lalaghat Section for NEFR**

5226. **SHRI SUDARSAN DAS :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that passenger train services on Katakhal and Lalaghat Section of North East Frontier Railway

have been suspended since May, 1985 ; and

(b) if so, the time by which the train services are likely to be restored ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) and (b) Due to track rehabilitation works on the Katakhal-Lalaghat Section, train services were suspended temporarily from 4-10-85. From 28-3-86, the train services have been resumed.

**Dieselisation of Trains on Sahibganj Section of Eastern Railway**

5227. **SHRI GADADHAR SAHA :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain trains in service on Shahibganj Section of Eastern Railway originating from Howrah and passing through Danapur, Kiul via Burdwan, Andal terminating in Rampurhat operated by Diesel Locomotives previously are now being operated by steam engines with adverse effects :

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) whether Government propose to revert back to diesel traction on this route ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) and (b) 53/54 Gour Express, 327/328 Howrah-Danapur fast passenger and 317/318 Rampurhat-Barddhaman passenger were put on steam traction by withdrawing the diesel locomotives on account of heavy pressure of freight movement on the railways.

(c) Diesel Locomotives will be reintroduced on 53/54 Gour Express and 317/318 Rampurhat-Barddhaman passenger with effect from 1-5-86. For 327/328 Fast Passenger, it will be considered when spare diesel locomotives become available.