

Allocation to Orissa from 'Railway Safety Works Fund'

2276 DR KARTIKESHWAR PATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the amount released during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period from the Railway Safety Works Fund to Orissa,

(b) the amount spent so far, and

(c) the scheme taken up for execution with the help of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) and (b) The funds from Railway Safety Works Fund are released to the State Governments on preferment of claims for reimbursement by them through their Accountants Generals. No amount was released to Orissa during the Seventh Five - Year Plan period

(c) This concerns Orissa State Government

National Centre for Children's Literature

2277 DR KARTIKESHWAR PATRA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Centre for Children's Literature,

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the probable date when it is likely to be set up, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN

SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The primary objective of setting up of the National Centre for Children's Literature is to collect and make available to publishers authors illustrators and others interested in children's literature, at one place as much as possible of indigenous and foreign material expertise and know-how relevant to the promotion of a rapid and balanced development of children's literature

The responsibility to set up the National Centre for Children's Literature has been assigned to National Book Trust India who are working out a Project. The time likely to be taken to set up the Centre could be known only after the details have been worked out by the Trust

(c) Does not arise

[Translation]

Shortage of Teachers in Delhi

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether there is a shortage of teachers in various schools in Delhi,

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and category-wise, and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the recruitment of teachers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) A statement is attached