

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a secular based education and introduce text books containing secular ideas for school students; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 envisaged a national system of education based on a National Curricular Framework containing common course alongwith other components that are flexible. The NPE identified ten common core components which inter-alia induce (i) India's common cultural heritage and (ii) egalitarianism, democracy and secularism. The NPE stipulated that the common core components would cut across the subject areas. The NPE also expressed a firm reslove to carry on all education programmes in strict conformity with secular values. Keeping in view the NPE postulates, the NCERT brought out, in 1988, a National Curricular Framework for elementary and secondary education, after wide ranging consultation with the state. UTs. It revised the entire school syllabi and published revised textbooks for classes I to XII. Based on the National Curricular Framework and the revised syllabas textbooks of the NCERT, the State. UTs have also under taken measures of curriculum renewal and development of *new textbooks for different stages of school education for their introduction into the school system in a phased manner.*

[English]

Kalwa Station

2002. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to use Kalwa Station (VI-Kalyan route) as a

"Terminus" for Thane Locals to facilitate running of trains via Thane Station;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in the regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operationally not feasible.

Belgium-Dharrwad Railway Line

2003. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABA URS: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to lay a new railway line from Belgium to Dharwad to Shorten the existing distance between the two places;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Railway Line From Gadhwalto Ginigara (Andhra Pradesh)

2004. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any survey has been con-

ducted for a new railway line from Gandhwal (Andhra Pradesh) to Ginigara via Raichur;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the outcome of the survey;

(c) the funds allocated therefor: and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Survey has been carried out for new line between Raichur and Gadhwali.

(b) The cost of 59 kms. new BG line was assessed at Rs. 29.71 crores in 1990-91.

(c) and (d). The proposal for this work was sent to the Planning Commission who have not agreed to the same.

[English]

Price of Foodgrains

2005. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of recent increase in support prices of foodgrains (issued through Public Distribution System) on other consumer items like oils, soaps, spices, vegetables and fruits;

(b) the item-wise comparative prices as in November, 1992 and January, 1993; and

(c) the overall percentage increase in respect of consumer items during the above period indicating also the consumer price index in each of the months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Central Issue Price of Rice and Wheat was revised on 11.1.1993 and levy sugar on 17.2.93. Statement showing the percentage variation in the Wholesale price Indices of Rice, Wheat, Sugar and other consumer items during the week ending 16.1.1993, and their trend before one week, after one week and after four weeks is given below: Retail Prices of sugar in the open market have shown an upward trend during last two weeks. To counter this rise in price, the Government has released an additional fare-scale quota of 50,000 tonnes.

(b) and (c). Statement II showing the Wholesale Price Index Numbers of selected consumer items during November, 1992 and January, 1993 alongwith their percentage variation and the Retail Price Index Number during November 1992 (latest available) is given below.