

Late Running of Trains

5050. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains running between Gorakhpur and Gonda loop line under the North-Eastern Railway are always running late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Punctuality of trains on Gorakhpur-Gonda loop line has been averaging 85% mainly on account of miscreant activities including alarm chain pulling on the section and equipment failures.

(c) Every effort is being made to eliminate detentions which are within the control of the Railways.

[English]

Introduction of High Horse Power Locomotive

5051. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce high horse power locomotive on trunk routes of the country;

(b) if so, the whether any techno-economic study was conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Detailed studies have been conducted by Railways and Planning Commission and the need for high horse power locomotive has been established. 18 high horse power thyristor locomotives are working on Waltair-Kirandul section of Indian Railways. A case is under consideration for introduction of high horse power locomotives with 3-phase technology. Modern fuel efficient higher horse power diesel locomotives have also been evaluated for movement of heavy freight trains at higher operating speed and case for introduction of these is under review.

[Translation]

Moral Education Programme

5052. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding introduction of moral education programme in all the schools and the colleges is under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE. (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). Moral education is a holistic concept giving stress on certain fundamental values to be inculcated. Compulsory moral education presupposes that consciousness of these essential values should permeate the whole curriculum and programme of activities in