

- (ii) Telephones have been sanctioned for all the Institutions/Offices of Social Welfare Department of Delhi Administration.
- (iii) To improve the staff-child ratio in all the Children's Homes, a proposal for additional staff is under consideration.
- (iv) 2 additional Homes have been sanctioned.
- (v) An expert Group constituted for the perspective planning for Children's Homes in Delhi for the next 10 years is also studying the functioning of the Homes with a view to identifying long term measures.

Supreme Court has already appointed a Penal of Inquiry to examine the working of Nari Niketan and the following steps have been taken in accordance with the directions of the Court :—

- (a) A Board of Visitors has been appointed by the Lt. Governor under Rule 41 of the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act Rules. The Board comprises of eminent women Social Workers and others.
- (b) Various additional amenities have been provided like augmentation of water supply, provision of separate rooms for sick inmates etc.
- (c) Tailoring and music classes are run as vocational programme. Adult literacy classes are regularly conducted.
- (d) Recreational facilities like T.V., indoor games etc. have been provided.
- (e) Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act rules have been made applicable to Nari Niketan as a whole.
- (f) Explanation of the Superintendent has been called for and she has been

made to vacate the quarter from Nari Niketan Campus.

Extension of Railway Line from Dharmanagar to Sabroom

2594, SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey conducted by the Railway authority and North East Council have submitted their reports regarding extension of Railway line from Dharmanagar to Sabroom;

(b) details of the reports submitted by Railway authority and the North East Council; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government for extension of Railway line from Dharmanagar to Sabroom ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDDHURI) : (a) to (c) No survey has been carried out for extension of Railway line upto Sabroom. Surveys have, however, been carried out for extension of railway line from Dharmanagar to Agartala and the position is as follows :

- (i) From Dharmanagar to Kumarghat, a MG rail link has been sanctioned and construction work is in progress;
- (ii) Kumarghat to Agartala-Updating of Traffic-cum-Engineering survey, being carried out by the railway on behalf of North Eastern Council, is in progress. A decision on this rail link will be taken after receipt and scrutiny of the updated survey report, subject to clearance by Planning Commission and availability of resources.

There is at present no proposal under consideration for a rail link beyond Agartala upto Sabroom.