

[*Translation*]

**Training Institution for the
Development and Application of
Agriculture Tools**

1998. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of institutions in the country where training for the development and application of agriculture tools is imparted State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to grant financial assistance to States for setting up such institutions ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

**Recommendations of World Bank on
Import of Foodgrains**

1999. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has recommended for liberalisation of imports of foodgrains especially of wheat and rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Durgapura Bombay Railway Line

2000. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway line between Durgapura and Bombay has been completed:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stimulated cost thereof; and

(c) the final cost incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) and (b). Sawal Madhopur is already connected to Bombay by broad gauge. Conversion of Durgapur- Sawal Madhopur (132 kms) into broad gauge has been completed in January 1993 at an estimated cost of Rs. 133.04 crores.

(c) Final cost has not yet been computed.

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Secular based Education

2001. SHRI TEJSINGH RAO BHONSLE:

PROF. MALINI
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI SUDARSAN
RAYCHAUDHURI:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(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-