

(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 along with 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 resolve 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 syllabus 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 MINISTER 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 PRABHA 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 MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) (a) No Sir.

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

[Translation]

Railway Line From Gadhwalt to Ginigara (Andhra Pradesh)

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

(a) whether any survey has been con-