

बलबाद स्टेशनों के बीच स्थानीय रेलगाड़ियों की आरती कमी है ; और

(ख) क्या वहाँ एक अप और एक डाउन ट्रेन चालू करने का सरकार का विचार है और यदि हाँ, तो ये गाड़ियाँ कब तक चलाई जायेंगी ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री हनुमन्तैया) : (क) जी हाँ, एक सवारी गाड़ी की कमी का अनुमान लगाया गया है ।

(ख) कुछ अतिरिक्त सुविधायें उपलब्ध होते ही यह गाड़ी चलाना सम्भव हो सकेगा ।

Formation of a National Children Board and National Policy Resolution on Children's Programme

27. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the composition and functions of the National Children Board ;

(b) whether Government have since finalised the proposal regarding National Policy Resolution on Children's Programme and if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the further time likely to be taken in finalising the proposal ;

(d) the names of State Governments which have endorsed the proposal for setting up of National Children Board ; and

(e) the names of those State Governments which have not accepted the proposal and the action Government propose to take in their cases ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) and (b). The proposal regarding the National Policy Resolution on Children's programme which includes setting up of National Children Board is still under the consideration of the Government.

(c) The Government hope to take a decision on the proposal soon.

(d) and (e). The Governments of Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Mysore, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,

Gujarat, Assam, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have endorsed the draft proposal of setting up of National Children Board and one State Government, namely, Government of Maharashtra have suggested that instead of setting up a National Board to consider all the problems pertaining to Child Welfare, such as education, health, nutrition etc. it would be better to entrust to it only the problems pertaining to special categories of children such as physically and mentally handicapped and delinquent children etc.

Expenditure incurred on Durgapur Steel Plant

28. DR. KARNI SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING be pleased to state :

(a) the original estimated cost of the Durgapur Steel Plant ;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon so far ;

(c) whether the plant is complete in all respects as envisaged ;

(d) if not, the extent of expenditure likely to be incurred further ;

(e) the total loss sustained by this plant so far ; and

(f) the time by which this plant is expected to break even ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) The original estimate for the 1 million tonne stage of Durgapur Steel Plant was Rs. 115 crores. This excluded Township and Ancillaries. The original estimate for expansion by 0.6 million tonnes was Rs. 66.20 crores.

(b) The total expenditure incurred upto 28.2.1971 amounts to Rs. 267.18 crores for the Plant, Township and Ancillaries, including Rs. 43.46 crores for the Township and ancillaries.

(c) and (d). The Plant is complete except in respect of some equipment valued at about Rs. 2 crores. Cash expenditure of about Rs. 1.1 crores is also likely to be incurred towards final payments against contracts, spares and escalations, in addition to the cost of land taken over from the State Government, the valuation of which is yet to be finalised.