the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Gujarat Government has sent certain proposals to connect Magdalla and Hazira Ports by rail; and
- (b) if so, details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal is to provide rail link to Magdalla port from Udhna and extension of KRIBHCO siding at Hazıra to Hazira port. The State Government has been intimated that above sidings could be provided on deposit terms at their cost.

Appointment of women teachers in primary schools of backward states

8548. SHRI MAURICE KUJUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of educationally backward States selected for appointment of women teachers in primary schools;
- (b) the grant sanctioned to each of these States for the purpose; and
- (c) the number of women teachers appointed during 1983-84 to 1985-86 under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Centrally sponsored scheme for appointment of women teachers in primary schools is under implementation in nine educationally backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

- (b) A statement showing the grant sanctioned to each of these nine States is given below
- (c) 8000 posts of women teachers sanctioned in the Sixth Plan are in existence. The break-up is as under:—

Andhra Pradesh	750
Assam	750
Bihar	750
Jammu and Kashmir	400
Madhya Pradesh	1150
Orissa	750
Rajasthan	1150
Uttar Pradesh	1550
West Bengal	750
Total:	8000

STATEMENT

Grant Sanctioned to Nine Educationally Backward States selected for Appointment of Women Teachers in Primary Schools during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the State	Grant sanctioned year-wise		
		1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1.12	40.04	24.99
2.	Assam	0.32	11.44	2.64

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1	2	3	4	5
3.	Bihar	1.12	40.04	28.98
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	Nil	20.16	6.72
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1.68	63.00	28.16
6 .	Orissa	1.07	39.40	21.48
7.	Rajasthan	1.68	63.00	30.20
8.	Uttar Pradesh	2.24	82.60	19.32
9.	West Bengal	1.12	41 16	8.12

Introduction of Trivandrum-Jeddah Flight

8549. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that there is a long standing demand from people of Kerala for a new flight from Trivandrum to Jeddah:
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to operate an Air-India flight between Trivandrum and Jeddah; and
- (c) if so, when a decision will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such request has been received so far.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

Flyovers in Calcutta at Bondel Gate and Lake Gardens

8550. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are consider-

ing to construct flyovers/railway bridges in Calcutta at Bondel Gate (Ballygunge) and Lake Gardens:

- (b) if so, the measures taken to start this project; and
- (c) the steps taken for the completion of the other flyovers in Serampore and Jadavpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAD-HAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). It is understood that the Government of West Bengal is examining proposals for construction of road over bridges in replacement of level crossings at Bondel gate and Lake Gardens. The Railway will process the matter further after firm proposals are received from the State Government.

(c) The Railway has completed its portion of work, i.e. bridge proper, of the read over bridge at Serampore. The Railway has also completed 80% of the bridge proper of the road over bridge at Jadavpur. The State Government are yet to progress the work on approaches of these bridges.

Medicines for Controlling Iodine Deficiency

8551. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI: Will the