

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) & (b) In view of the fact that girls education is lagging behind that of boys, Govt. has been trying for increased effort both under the formal and non-formal education Sectors to increase girls' enrolment. It has been decided by the Govt. of India to make education of girls free in classes IX to XII. It is already free upto class VIII in most of the country. In the non-formal education Sector, 9 educationally backward States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are being given 90% assistance for opening non-formal education centres exclusively for girls. In addition various state govts. are implementing incentive programmes like free supply of uniforms, free text-books, mid-day meals etc. to various degrees and the effort is to increase the coverage of these schemes. Govt of India welcomes the effort of non-govt. agencies in formal and non-formal sectors as as it supplements the effort of the govt. in this large and important field. Non-Govt, agencies are encouraged to open non-formal education centres in these backward States and are given 100% financial assistance for this purpose.

#### Late Arrival of Delhi Flight at Trivandrum

1566. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on a number of days the flight from Delhi arrives late at Traivandrum and cannot land at Cochin because Cochin has no night landing facilities;

(b) if so, the exact position in this respect;

(c) what steps are contemplated to avoid the above situation; and

(d) whether the flight service to Trivandrum will be shifted to morning hours ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b)

Indian Airlines flight. IC 467/468 operating on Delhi-Dabolim-Cochin-Trivandrum and back was delayed on 17 occasions during the current year. The flight IC 468 operating Trivandrum-Cochin-Dabolim-Delhi overflew Cochin only on three occasions. On two of these three occasions the passengers from Cochin bound for Goa and Delhi were picked up by IC 467 to be routed through Trivandrum.

(c) and (d) Flight IC-467 departs Delhi at 1005 hours for Goa-Cochin-Trivandrum. The aircraft before operating this flight operates one more flight in the morning. Due to acute shortage of capacity at present, Indian Airlines is not in a position to operate IC-467 earlier than the present timings.

#### Construction of Over Bridges by Railways in Kerala.

1567. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any over-bridges are proposed to be constructed by the Indian Railways in Kerala during the Seventh Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) & (b) In the State of Kerala construction of the following road over bridges in replacement of level crossings is already sanctioned :—

- (i) Road under bridge at km. 753/6-7 on Thavakara Road at Cannanore.
- (ii) Road over bridge at km. 608/4-5 near Kuttipuram.
- (iii) Road over bridge at km. 664/1-2 on Francis Road at Calicut.
- (iv) Road over bridge at km. 3/1-2 near Vallatholnagar.

The proposals for road over bridges are finalised on year to year basis depending on priorities given by State Government, needs of rail road traffic and availability of funds.