accommodate vessels up to 1,00,000 DWT (the iron ore berth at the Port has been designed for receiving vessels up to 50,000 DWT). This suggestion could not be accepted since such a scheme would need a heavy outlay which could not be provided from within the approved allocations for the Sixth Plan (1980-85).

Uneconomic Branch Lines

1743. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the number of uneconomic branch lines in the Indian Railways, State-wise, at present;
- (b) whether the State Governments have been approached by the Centre for either permitting closure of uneconomic branch lines or reimbursing the Railways for the loss suffered on account of running these lines; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of State Governments in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLI-KARJUN): (a) The total number of uneconomic branch lines on Indian Railways is 143. The State-wise details are indicated in the statement attached.

(b) Yes.

(c) The State Governments have not reacted favourably.

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Statement

State in which located

No. of uneconomic
branch lines

Andhra Pradesh	3
Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra	1
Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka	L
Andhra Pradesh and Orissa	ı
Assam	9
Bihar 13	3
Bihar and Orissa	L
Gujarat 40)
Haryana	2
Himachal Pradesh	2
Karnataka	4
Kerala	L
Madhya Pradesh	£
Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra	2
Maharashtra 5	,
Orissa 1	
Punjab 4	Ļ
Rajasthan 10)
Tamil Nadu 6	;
Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry 2	1
Uttar Pradesh 17	,
West Bengal 14	:
Total 143	

Problem of Tution at Home

1744. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that today teachers don't have time to revise their way of teaching as more and more teachers are taking classes at home in the evening charging and carning a lot from the students and