

(m) Under the 'village Health Guide Scheme' which has now been made a fully Centrally funded scheme, the Health Guides (who will predominantly be women) will be responsible for spreading knowledge and information to each individual household and to provide at peoples' door-steps supplies for non-clinical methods.

(n) Close monitoring and follow up will be ensured at all levels. Steps will be taken to tone up the administrative machinery and improve motivation and accountability of staff at the field level in consultation with the State Governments.

#### **Intransit Railway facilities between India and Bangladesh**

3248. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of the Indian and Bangladesh Railway Ministries met in January last to discuss the in-transit railway facilities for transport of Indian goods through Bangladesh Territory; and

(b) if so, the result of their discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes.

(b) No concrete decision has been arrived at. The matter will come up for consideration by the Government only after agreed proposals are formulated by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission.

#### **Pakistan's Readmission into Commonwealth**

3249. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some countries have revived moves for the readmission of Pakistan into the Commonwealth;

(b) if so, the names of those countries; and

(c) the position of the Government towards these moves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Construction/conversion of Railway lines in Punjab**

3251. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government have furnished a priority list to his Ministry for construction/conversion of railway lines in the State;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any of the projects, number-wise, in the list have been taken up; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). The Punjab Government have requested for constructing three rail links Chandigarh-Mohali-Rajpura, Jagadhari-Chandigarh-Ludhiana and Beas-Govindwal Sahib.

(c) and (d). Surveys conducted earlier for these rail links revealed that these are not economically viable. Owing to severe constraints of financial resources and heavy commitments already on hand these projects could not be taken up for construction.

#### **Opening of C.G.H.S. dispensary near Tara Apartments**

3252. SHR CHIRANJILAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open C.G.H.S. dispensary near Tara apartments, New Delhi; and