135. श्री धर्म सिंह भाई पटेंल क्या सूचना श्रीर प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सौराष्ट्र के सिन्धी समाज ने मांग की है कि गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में राजकोट स्राकाशवाणी केन्द्र से सिन्धी में कार्यक्रम का प्रसारण किया जाए;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो राजकोट ग्राकाशवाणी केन्द्र से सिन्धी में कार्यक्रम कव तक प्रसारित किए जाने की सम्भावना है; ग्रौर
- (ग) इस बारे में श्रव तक सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है श्रथवा किए जाने का विचार है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण ग्रडवाणी): (क) वन्तवा (सौराष्ट्र) के एक सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता से एक ग्रभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुन्ना है।

(ख) ग्रौर (ग). सिन्धी कार्यक्रम ग्रहमदाबाद ग्रौर भुज तथा राजकोट के मेगावाट ट्रांसमीटर से प्रसारित किए जाते हैं ग्रौर इनको राजकोट रेडियो स्टेशन के सेवा क्षेत्र में सूना जा सकता है

Creation of a New Ministry for Harijans

*136. SHRI K. PRADHANI: SHRI L. L. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to create a new Ministry to look after the welfare of Harijans, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): No, Sir.

Congestion in the Port of Bombay

*137. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a growing congestion in the Port of Bombay requiring ships to wait for weeks to get a berth in the port;
- (b) whether it is proposed to impose the congestion charges according to Karmahom Conference; and
- (c) whether Government have taken any decision in this respect and what would be the financial implications of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) There is at present no waiting time for ships for getting a berth in the Prince's and Victoria Docks in Bombay. However, at Indira Dock, the average waiting period for general cargo vessels is around 5 days only.

(b) and (c). Karmahom Conference Lines imposed a surcharge of 10 per cent w.e.f. 3-10-77. In view of the improvement in position, the rate of surcharge has been reduced to $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent w.e.f. 1-11-1977.

Surcharge levied from 3rd October t_0 19th November 1977 may roughly amount to US \$100 Lac.

Transfer of CSIR Laboratories to Ministries

*138. SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM: SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to transfer the scientific laboratories at present attached with CSIR to the respective Ministries; and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?