

(c) whether the proposals have been approved by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (d) This subject matter comes under the jurisdiction of the State Government.

[Translation]

**Army Personnel Killed in Sri Lanka**

449. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

	Killed	Injured
Officers . . . . .	55	162
JCOs . . . . .	77	192
ORs . . . . .	1,033	2,657

(b) and (c) 1 Naval Officer, 1 Sailor and 28 ORs who were reported missing for over six months have since been presumed killed as, despite all possible efforts, they could not be traced.

[English]

**Improvement in D.T.C. Service**

450. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approved some buses to be added to the D.T.C. fleet this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon so far;

(a) the number of jawans and officers of the Indian Peace Keeping Force injured and killed in Sri Lanka, separately ;

(b) whether some soldiers are still missing; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to trace them ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) The number of jawans and officers of the Indian Peace Keeping Force injured and killed during 1987 operations is given below :—

(c) whether the Government are aware of alleged rude staff behaviour, reckless driving and poor maintenance of buses in D.T.C.; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the D.T.C. service in the next six months ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) There is a provision of Rs. 43.25 crores for the year 1991-92 for acquisition of buses on 'Replacement account'. 54 P.O. buses have also been inducted during the current financial year to meet the ever increasing needs of travelling public. More number of private buses are not coming under DTC due to unremunerative fare.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The steps taken to improve DTC service in the next six months are :—

1. Maintenance of DTC vehicles as per the recommendations of Chassis Manufacturers.
2. Replacement of old buses by new buses.
3. Augmentation of DTC fleet by adding private buses.
4. Improvement of crew behaviour and quality of service.
5. Prompt grievance redressal for staff, commuters accident victims and suppliers etc.
6. Route rationalisation.

**Proposal to Reinforce and Widen Nizamuddin Bridge in Delhi**

451. SHRI M. V. CHANDRA-SHEKERA MURTHY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to reinforce and widen the Nizamuddin Bridge in Delhi in view of the growing density of traffic;

(b) whether the condition of the bridge is safe and sound for vehicles;

(c) whether almost the entire bridge is in darkness at night; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to provide sufficient lighting arrangements on the bridge ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Studies are being carried out in this regard.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, certain load and speed restrictions have been enforced in view of increased traffic.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, provision of an improved lighting system is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

**Utilisation of Seized Gold and Silver**

452. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE : SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of smuggled gold and silver seized during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the authority under whose custody it is kept; and

(c) how it is utilised by the Government to improve the financial situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) :

(a) The quantity of smuggled gold and silver seized during the last three years, year-wise, is given below :

Year	Gold (in Kgs. approx.)	Silver (in Kgs. approx.)
1988	6,094	16,992
1989	8,215	99,322
1990	5,596	2,20,313