

(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 PRA-SAD :

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