

These can be used for transporting one's own cargo or for playing for hire or reward as the permit holder may wish.

(c) A final decision regarding acceptance or otherwise of the recommendations is yet to be taken.

#### Introduction of More Mini Buses on Busy Routes

5121. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fares of mini-buses under private operation in the Capital were first raised in November, 1985 ;

(b) whether these were again raised along with the Delhi Transport Corporation bus fares and brought at par with the new fare structure ;

(c) whether he is aware that the private mini-buses particularly on busy routes leading to Inter-State Bus Terminal and back are very often over-crowded and carry passengers more than double their sanctioned capacity and the passengers are huddled like cattle therein ; and

(d) if so, the steps to be taken to stop over-crowding in these buses and introduce more buses and make bus travel a little comfortable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Instances of this nature have come to notice, during peak hours.

(d) Delhi Administration have instructed the concerned operators to strictly follow the rules relating to prevention of over-crowding and have also intensified checking operations. The Administration also proposes to increase its fleet of battery operated buses with a view to over-come the problem of possible over-crowding in the walled city. In Delhi, the transport services are provided by DTC and some

Private Operators. At present, the services provided by DTC and the Private Operators are considered to be adequate.

#### Overcrowding in Battery Buses Plying in Walled City in Delhi

5122. DR. B.L. SHAIKESH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the battery buses plying in the walled city in Delhi are always over-crowded ;

(b) whether the manufacturers had specifically warned that these buses do not have the extra capacity to take people standing and if that happened the working lives of the buses would be considerably reduced ; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to prevent such overcrowding in those buses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) A few instances of this nature have come to notice.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Administration have instructed the concerned agency to strictly follow the rules relating to prevention of over-crowding. Besides this, the Administration proposes to increase the battery bus fleet to 100 by the end of 1986-87 which is expected to reduce over-crowding.

#### Agreement with Airbus Industries for Making Airbus Parts

5123. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has entered into any agreement with the Airbus Industries to make airbus parts in the country ;

(b) if so, the names of the manufacturing agency for these airbus components ; and

(c) the long-term technology transfer clause stipulated in the agreement ?