

**Financial Assistance to Metropolitan City Road Transport Corporations**

6194. SHRI AMAL DATTA:  
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WDHARY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the financial assistance provided to the four Metropolitan cities' road transport corporations by the Union Govern-

ment during the years 1985-86 to 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI-RAJESH PILOT): No direct financial assistance is given by the Central Government to the metropolitan City Road Transport Corporations in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. So far as Delhi is concerned, the details of loans granted to Delhi Transport Corporation during the years 1985-86 to 1987-88 are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

*Loans given by the Central Government to D.T.C.*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Capital Loan</i>	<i>Ways &amp; Means Loan</i>	<i>Total Loans</i>
1985-86	12.00	75.00	87.00
1986-87	16.08	33.25	49.33
1987-88	16.00	48.00	64.00

[*Translation*]

in this matter;

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(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

6195. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(f) how Government propose to help the Book Development Council in its development?

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian publishers had sent memoranda to Government regarding holding World Book Fair;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Some Associations of Publishers and Booksellers had represented to the Government suggesting for the postponement of the World Book Fair due to current drought situation and teachers' strike. The National Book Trust, however, after considering the suggestions made by the publishers decided not to postpone the fair because of its regularity and its standing in the International Book Trade. To ensure a better participation, the Trust also

(b) whether Government had made an announcement to give several concessions to publishers with the help of University Grants Commission;

(c) whether the UGC released funds to various universities for acquiring publications for their libraries;

(d) whether the Book Development Council in Rajasthan had not been informed

gave a discount of 50% in rentals of the stands to Indian Language Publishers.

Consequent to the adoption of the New Education Policy, the University Grants Commission released funds to the Universities and Colleges for purchase of books according to set guidelines. The University Grants Commission also informed the universities/institutions that the 8th New Delhi World Book Fair would be an appropriate forum for acquiring publications by the universities/colleges for their libraries.

(d) and (e). Since Book Development Council in Rajasthan is neither a University nor a Publishing House, they were not informed specially about the purchase of books by the University Grants Commission or about the concession in rental of stands offered by the national Book Trust to language Publishers.

(f) Central Government has no scheme at present under which assistance can be provided to Book Development Councils in the States.

### **Environmental Awareness Campaign**

6196. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had recently organised under the National Environmental Awareness Campaign a workshop to promote environmental consciousness among the people in Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the salient points emerged out of the deliberations at the workshop; and

(c) the decision taken by Government to solve these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIZ.R. ANSARI): (a) The Ministry provided financial assistance under the National Environment Awareness Campaign 1987-88 to three organisations in Ahmedabad for conducting workshops to promote environmental consciousness among the people in Ahmedabad.

(b) and (c). (i) Ten teacher training workshops were organised by the Centre for Environment Education for the teachers of Ahmedabad Municipal Primary Schools to train them to promote environmental awareness in schools.

(ii) A workshop was organised by St. Xavier College to promote awareness among students and the general public.

(iii) The Citizens' Workshop on Environment and Energy organised by the Energy Park, Vechaar Trust was designed to acquaint the common public with the complexities of the energy-environment situation and to create an awareness among the citizens against the deteriorating conditions of the present environment and energy scenes.

(iv) The workshops at S.No. (i) and (ii) were aimed at creating environmental awareness and did not make any specific recommendations to the Government for action. The workshop at S.No. (iii) above identified main ecological problems of Gujarat such as deforestation, desertification, water and air pollution, sanitation and problems of fuel and fodder. The programmes of the Government under the Seventh Plan for the survey and conservation of natural resources, afforestation, desert development, prevention and control of water pollution and public health and sanitation address themselves to the solution of these problems.