

returns of income above rupees one lakh filed during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) whether there has been steep fall in income tax returns of large incomes over the years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the main reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) The number of income tax returns having income of Rs. 1 lakh and above for the years 1988-89 to 1990-91 are as follows :

(in lakhs)

Year	Returns
1988-89	1.71
1989-90	2.32
1990-91	2.38
	(Provisional)

(b) No, sir.

(c) to (e) In view of (b) above, do not arise.

Strike by Income-tax officials

4220. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Income Tax strike on arrest of UP official" appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated July 9, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by the Union

Government to provide adequate protection to the Income Tax officials during search operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case has been registered and is under investigation with the local police.

(c) The Union Government took up the matter with all the State Governments, who have agreed to provide adequate security cover to the Income Tax officials during search operations.

Introduction of Stage Carriage Services in Delhi

4221. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of the proposal to introduce Stage Carriage Services for luxury buses on selected routes in Delhi;

(b) the time by which these services are likely to start;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementation of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Government have recommended to the Delhi Administration to introduce a scheme of special stage carriage permits at a fare structure higher than that of Delhi Transport Corporation, with more comforts, to wean away passengers who presently use personalised vehicles, to public transport.