

D.T.C. Bus service from Gurgaon to Delhi

6747. SHRI SHASHI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of DTC Buses running from Gurgaon to Delhi and vice-versa is very few;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the route of the DTC Buses, which were passing through Kendriya Terminal in recent past running from Gurgaon to Shivaji Stadium and vice-versa has been changed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to restore the old route keeping in view the problems of Central Government employees who are mostly working in nearby area of Kendriya Terminal;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) No, Sir. DTC has provided adequate services from various places in Delhi to Gurgaon and vice-versa.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The route has been changed by DTC due to uneconomical operation.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g) DTC can not afford to operate its buses on uneconomical Inter-State routes.

Films shown on National Channel by Doordarshan

6748. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether for sometime past the general public have adversely commented upon the quality of films shown by Doordarshan on the National Channel;

(b) if so, whether with a view to avoid public criticism, Doordarshan has evolved a new policy in regard to showing films on National Channel;

(c) if so, the main features of the new policy;

(d) when the new policy is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the details of other measures taken to improve the other programmes on the National Channel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d). No, Sir. The Scheme of sponsored films introduced by Doordarshan in the latter half of 1993 has received a favourable response from the viewers. Now Doordarshan invites offers for films and then makes a selection instead of the earlier arrangement wherein *suo-moto* offers were considered by it in the order in which they were received.

(e) The programme format of the channels of Doordarshan including the primary channel, was revised in February, 1994 in order to cater to the diverse needs of the widest cross section of its viewers.

Doordarshan announcement of extension of Parliament Session

6749. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KAHNDURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has announced that the Parliament Session had been extended upto 18 May, 1994;

(b) if so, whether an enquiry has been conducted as to how this incorrect and unauthorised announcement was made;

(c) the details of the findings of enquiry and action taken thereon; and

(d) if no enquiry was done, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. The said news item, which was subsequently corrected by Doordarshan, was based on newspaper reports. To avoid the recurrence of a similar mistake in the future, appropriate instructions have been issued for prior verification of such news from the authorised representatives before their inclusion in the news bulletins.

(d) Does not arise.

Mineral deposits survey in Arunachal Pradesh

6750. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has carried out any survey of mineral deposits in Arunachal Pradesh recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During the Field Season 1992-93, Geological Survey of India carried out detailed investigations for lead-zinc mineralisation in Vasudhara-Amritganga, Mukatang and Shergaon blocks, West Kameng district, preliminary investigation for gold and platinoids in Vijaynagar area in Changlang district and for limestone in East Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh. Further work is in progress.

As a result of survey carried out by GSI, a total reserve of 93 million tonnes of good quality coal, with low ash and phosphorus content in Namchik-Namphuk area of Changlang district, 91 million tonnes of cement grade limestone near the confluence of Tidding and Tellu rivers of Lohit district and 185 million tonnes of dolomite of Rupa which extends further on either side towards Jamiri and Cheliepam have been proved.

U.S. Assam State Electricity Board agreement in Power Sector

6751. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: