

(SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

financial losses incurred by DTC during 1988-89 are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

India-Pak Relations

1988-89

281. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make efforts to further normalise the relations with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether the matter relating to the opening of Srinagar-Rawalpindi road is also proposed to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I K GUJRAL) (a) Yes Sir. The Government is keen to strengthen friendly co-operative relations with the neighbours.

(b) No such proposal is under Government's consideration.

Losses Incurred by Delhi Transport Corporation

282. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial losses incurred by the Delhi Transport Corporation during 1988-89 and 1989-90 so far.

(b) the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the financial condition of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) As per provisional accounts, the details of

i)	Working Loss	52.20
ii)	Depreciation	13.80
iii)	Interest charges	32.99
iv)	Net loss	98.99

Delhi Transport Corporation has estimated that in the first 8 month of 1989-90, its loss would amount to Rs. 84.48 crores.

(b) and (c). DTC has been incurring losses mainly due to unremunerative fare structure and rising cost of labour and other inputs besides concessionality in passes to various groups of passengers such as, students, residents of resettlement colonies etc. For improving the financial performance of DTC, steps taken by DTC includes route-rationalisation economy in expenditure, better inventory control, prevention of leakage of revenues etc.

Improvement In Calcutta Telephones

283. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take for the improvement of the working of the Calcutta Telephones?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): A project for improvement of telephone services of Calcutta Telephones is under execution. The project includes modernisation of the system with

(i) replacements of old electro-