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UTILISATION OF DTC BUSES

2271. SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of D.T.C. buses which were plying in Delhi before the Redline Service, are lying useless;

(b) if so, the scheme of the Government to utilise these buses; and

(c) the monthly revenue loss being incurred due to these buses lying unutilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

TELEPHONE BOOTHS TO SC/ST IN SEVENTH PLAN

2272. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM : SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the State-wise details of Public Telephone Booths allotted to the educated unemployed youths belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : During the 7th Five Year Plan, Public Telephones were allotted liberally to all those who volunteered for the same including SC/STs. As such category wise statistics was not maintained and hence is not available.

CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

2273. SHRI DILEEPBHAI SANGHANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria laid down for declaring a coastal highway or State Highway as a national highway; and

(b) the State-wise number of National Highways constructed during the last three years, district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) The criteria for declaration of State roads as National Highways are as under :

(i) Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) Roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) Roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) Roads connecting major Ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) Roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) Roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) Roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economy thereby.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member has in view the names of National Highways declared during the last three years. These are as under :

| Sl. No. | Name of Road | NH No. | State (District) |
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| 1. | Siliguri-Darjeeling | 55 | West Bengal (Darjeeling) |
| 2. | Chittoor-Kurnool | 18 | Andhra Pradesh (Chittoor, Cuddapah and Kurnool) |