

PORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The fleet strength of the DTC as on 1st April, 1984 was 4135. During the period 1st April to 31 December, 1984, 706 new vehicles were added and 837 old vehicles deleted from the fleet, bringing the net fleet at the end of December, 1984 i.e. on 1. 1. 1985 to 4004. Fifty one new buses are proposed to be purchased on "replacement account" during the quarter ending March, 1985, out of which 29 have already been received.

(c) and (d). DTC has a fleet of Privately operated buses under its control for which payment is made by DTC to the private bus operators on a fixed per kilometre basis. Due mainly to the low fares, Delhi Transport Corporation incurs losses on both types of operations. The total working losses (and of both separately) during the last 3 years are as under :

| Year | Working Losses of DTC (Rs. in lakhs) | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | On DTC Fleet | On Private Operators | Buses Total |
| 1981-82 | 1771.59 | 197.31 | 1968.90 |
| 1982-83 | 2689.95 | 492.50 | 3182.45 |
| 1983-84 | 3850.70 | 739.01 | 4589.71 |

(e) There is no such proposal.

Finance and Audit of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

206. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state : (a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is fully financed by the Government of India ; and

(b) if so, what is its Annual Budget and what arrangements have been made for the audit of accounts of the Sangathan ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The annual budget of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for 1984-85 is

Rs. 44.67 crores. The annual accounts of the Sangathan are audited by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Road Accidents in Delhi During the Last Two Years

207. SHRI AJOY BISWAS :
SHRI PURNA MALIK :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) number of road accidents in Delhi during the last two years ;

(b) number of persons killed and injured in such accidents during the period ; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to minimise road accidents in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). The details of accidents occurred during 1983 and 1984, as intimated by Delhi Administration, are as under :—

| Year | No. of accidents | No. of persons killed | No. of persons injured |
|------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1983 | 5477 | 1156 | 5463 |
| 1984 | 5809 | 1239 | 5766 |

(c) The measure taken by Delhi Administration to minimise road accidents in Delhi are :—

(i) Maximum speed limits for various types of vehicles have been specified for different roads. Speed is checked at regular intervals and offenders are challaned.

(ii) In order to have an immediate impact on the violators, spot prosecutions are being made and compounding fees are recovered.

(iii) Pedestrians movement is being controlled with the help of Home

Guards at certain points. Pedestrians are advised to make use of over-bridge/sub-ways and zebra crossing.

- (iv) Road Safety Education is imparted to school children and road users by Audio Visual and exhibitions methods.
- (v) Highway Patrolling has been introduced to ensure better enforcement.
- (vi) A model Driving Training School has been set up to impart training in proper driving skills.

Fatal Accidents Involving DTC Buses

208. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state : (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items "Single Biggest Killer on Wheels" appearing in Patriot dated February 8, 1985 revealing that as much as 22 per cent fatal accidents in Delhi are attributable to DTC and this share has been increasing year after year ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to improve the situation to minimise fatal accidents involving Delhi Transport Corporation buses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c) . Government's attention has been drawn to the news item. According to DTC records a total number of 257 persons died in 1983 while in the year 1984, 242 persons died in accidents involving DTC buses. This reduction in the rate of accidents has come at a time when the DTC fleet has risen from 4048 at the end of December, 1983, to 4794 at the end of November, 1984. It may also be mentioned that there are other contributory factors such as increase in traffic congestion and growth in Delhi's population. Accident rate per lakh km in respect of

DTC buses for the period 1981 to 1983 is given below :

| Year | Rate of Accident per lakh kilometre |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 1981-82 | 1.96 |
| 1982-83 | 2.09 |
| 1983-84 | 1.61 |

It will be seen that the accident rate has fallen in 1983-84. DTC is making further efforts to reduce the rate of accidents. Some of the steps taken in this direction are as under :—

1. To ensure deployment of properly trained drivers, only persons with a minimum of three years experience of driving of heavy vehicles are recruited.
2. Before the drivers are given line duty they are imparted special training in the DTC Training School in relation to safe driving and route acquaintance.
3. Special squads have been deputed to check both the driving habits of drivers on line and control over-speeding. Drivers with faulty driving habits are withdrawn or sent to the Training Schools for refresher courses.
4. Every effort is made to improve the maintenance of vehicles.
5. The drivers are regularly acquainted with the traffic rules and other road safety measures through films, slides and other audio-visual methods with the help of Traffic Police authorities.
6. An incentive scheme has been introduced whereby the drivers with accident free records during the quarter are given a cash reward which progressively increases with every quarter.