

Encouraging mass transport system in order to discourage use of Private vehicles for Saving Petrol

4533. SHRI BHARAT SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated operational cost per kilometre in the case of motor car and two-wheeler in India and how much petrol per annum is expected to be consumed by them ;

(b) the measures which are being taken to encourage the mass transport system in order to discourage the use of private vehicles ;

(c) whether any survey has been carried out in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) According to the Petroleum Conservation Research Association the estimated per kilometre operational cost of motor car and two-wheeler is Rs. 1.68 and Rs. 0 40, respectively. The consumption of motor gasoline for cars (including taxis) during 1985-86 is estimated at 9,80,000 tonnes. Estimated fuel consumption in respect of two-wheelers is 6,48,000 tonnes.

(b) to (d). Suburban rail system in Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta, metro-project in Calcutta, Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) services in Delhi are the schemes designed to provide mass rapid transit systems. The executive responsibility for road transport is vested in the State Governments. The need for providing an efficient and adequate public transportation system has been impressed upon them.

New rail route from Mysore to Madurai

4534. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to review decision about new railway route from Mysore to Madurai via Samaraj Nagar, Thimbum, Sathiyamangalam, Tiruppur, Tharapuram and Palani ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It cannot be considered at present due to severe constraints of resources.

Shortage of beds in Government hospitals and T.B. Sanatoria

4535. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of beds in T.B. Sanatoria for T.B. patients in the country ;

(b) if so, the number of beds available in T.B. Sanatoria for T.B. patients, State-wise and year-wise during the last three years ;

(c) the number of out-patients treated for T.B. in each State during the last three years ; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase the number of beds for T.B. patients in the hospitals in each State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. With the advent of potent anti-TB drugs the domiciliary treatment of TB patients is as effective as the treatment in TB hospitals/sanatoria. Only a few selected groups of patients who are seriously sick and suffering from some complications or needing surgery are admitted in T.B. hospitals sanatoria. A Statement I showing the number of TB beds available in TB hospitals/sanatoria etc. run by State as