

**Delhi Transport Corporation bus  
Routes in Delhi**

4698 SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given on 5th March, 1987 to Unstarred Question No 1388 regarding Delhi Transport Corporation bus routes in Delhi and state the total number of city routes being operated by the Delhi Transport Corporation including Mini bus routes and night service routes as on 15th March, 1988 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : The information is as follows :—

City Routes	—	685
Night Service routes	—	21
Mini buses	—	8
Total .		714

**D.T.C. open house sessions for ITS  
commuters**

4699 SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the D.T.C. has been holding open house session for its commuters;

(b) if so, the objectives thereof and when such open houses were held so far;

(c) what issues of grievances raised by commuters during each session of open house;

(d) whether these issues of grievances and their redressal have been published in local newspapers to attract larger participation of commuters in these open house sessions; and

(e) if so, the names of such newspapers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) To boost up public confidence in the Corporation efforts to provide efficient transport, it was decided to hold open house session to discuss the suggestions and grievances of the commuters of the commuters. These sessions are being held on the last Sunday of every month since March, 1987.

(c) The issues raised and discussed in these open house sessions primarily pertain to modifications/extensions of the existing routes, starting of new routes, other operational matters including development of infrastructural facilities, and crew behaviour. The commuters also suggested strict action against ticket-less travel and fake pass holders

(d) and (e) During the last 3 months the news about holding of open house sessions appeared in all the leading newspapers, like National Herald, Indian Express, Times of India, Hindustan Times, Statesman, Jansatta, Navbharat Times, Milap, Veer Arjun, Evening News etc.

[Translation]

Extension to doctors in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital

4700. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of doctors in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital who are due to retire on superannuation this year;

(b) whether there is any proposal to give them extension and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent this will affect the promotional and prospects of the in-service doctors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) The following doctors in

Dr. RML Hospital are due to retire on superannuation this year :—

- (i) Dr. J.P. Singh, Medical Supdt.
- (ii) Dr. I.D. Sharma, Addl. Medical Supdt.
- (iii) Dr. (Smt.) Vimla Mehra, Senior Anaesthetist
- (iv) Dr. H. M. Chaudhury, Chief Medical Officer.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

[English]

**Proposal for bifurcation of Utkal Express**

4701. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Orissa has requested his Ministry for bifurcation of Utkal Express

(b) if so, the details of the proposal so received; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) to (c) The feasibility of bifurcating 77/78 Utkal Kalinga Express for serving the Sambalpur area was jointly examined between the State Government and the Railways. It has since been decided to introduce a new fast train between Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar to link Western Orissa with the State Capital.

**Vayudoot service between Raichur and Bangalore**

4702. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested to introduce Vayudoot service between Raichur and Bangalore :

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing the service between these two places ; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the above proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) and (b) While request for operating a Vayudoot service between Raichur and Bangalore have been received, in view of the paucity of aircraft capacity with Vayudoot, non-availability of an operational airstrip and the absence of other infrastructure at Raichur it has not been possible to provide this service so far.

(c) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability of operations, Vayudoot has plans to airlink Raichur during the current plan period.

**Wasteland Development in Karnataka**

4703. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of wasteland in Karnataka according to the last survey ;

(b) the steps taken for the development of these wastelands ;

(c) the scheme prepared by the State Govt. of Karnataka in this regard and submitted to Union Government ; and

(d) the details of Central assistance given to Karnataka for the development of wasteland ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a)