

(c) Reviews are taken up with the State Governments to improve nutrition delivery to the target groups and improved coordination between the Health and Women and Child Development sectors at the project level is being attempted to further bring down the infant mortality rate.

### **Complaints Against Three Wheeler and Taxi Operators in Delhi**

7201. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against Three-wheeler and taxi operators in Delhi for refusal to carry passengers, over-charging and misbehaviour during the last six months;

(b) the details of action taken against those erring vehicle drivers/owners;

(c) whether in spite of the drive by the police, no significant change in the attitude of the drivers has taken place; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken to discipline these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Delhi Police Authorities have intimated that during the last six months—October 1988 to March 89—there were 2, 753 complaints against Three-wheelers and 236 complaints against Taxis relating to refusal, over-charging and misbehaviour. The Enforcement Division of the Directorate of Transport, Delhi also received 12 complaints regarding over-charging, 13 for refusal and 12 for misbehaviour.

(b) In respect of offending vehicles, 522 permits have been suspended and 817 challans have been submitted to the Court.

In 341 cases the compounded challan fees have been recovered. In respect of remaining, investigations are on.

(c) and (d). Delhi Administration have intimated that there is an improvement in the attitude of the drivers of Three-wheelers and Taxis.

In order to minimise mal-practices and curb the tendency of overcharging by unscrupulous auto-rickshaw/Taxi operators, the Weights and Measure Department of Delhi Administration conducts surprise checks of fare-meters. Delhi Administration conducts Surprise Checks of fare-meters. Delhi Administration has also a proposal for introduction of electronic fare metres on all auto-rickshaws.

Provision has been made in the M.V. Act, 1988 under which refusal to ply the three-wheeler would attract the fine upto Rs. 50/- and in the case of four-wheeler, upto Rs. 200/-.

### **Application for Industrial Licences for Manufacture of Alcohol from Non-Molasses Raw Materials**

7202. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for industrial licence forwarded by the Government of Maharashtra to Union Government recommending licences for manufacturing alcohol from non-molasses raw materials alongwith the break-up of the applications, raw material-wise;

(b) the number of licences so far issued alongwith their break-up thereof; and

(c) if no licences have been issued the reasons therefor and the time likely to be taken for the issue of these licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Dredging of Calcutta Port**

7203. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the extent to which the dredging operation has helped Calcutta Port to receive larger vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Calcutta Port has two dock systems—Calcutta Docks and Haldia Docks. Improvement in the draft position in the last few years has been brought about by dredging and by river training works. The draft availability during the last three years as a result of the combined operations, referred to above, is given in the statement below, separately for Calcutta and Haldia Docks.

#### *Draft availability*

(No. of days/year for which given draft is available)

#### *Calcutta (Out-ward)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>6.5 m and above</i>	<i>7.0 m and above</i>	<i>7.5 m and above</i>	<i>8.0 m and above</i>
1986	144	56	2	Nil
1987	223	150	88	39
1988	280	201	122	59

#### *Haldia (out-ward)*

<i>Year</i>	<i>7.5 m and above</i>	<i>8.0 m and above</i>	<i>8.5 m and above</i>	<i>9.0 m and above</i>
1986	317	170	48	Nil
1987	358	260	117	29
1988	354	305	177	42

This has enabled the Port to receive deeper drafted vessels for longer periods.

#### **Tamil Posts in Department of Correspondence Courses, Central Hindi Directorate**

7204. SHRI S. THANGARAJU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

increase the strength of Tamil knowing staff in the Department of Correspondence Courses of the Central Hindi Directorate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are some posts in Tamil Section of the Directorate occupied by persons not qualified in Tamil; and