

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to introduce bus service at least in the morning and in the evening for the benefit of Government employees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Sudershan Park is situated in the West of Moti Nagar between Najafgarh Road and Ring Road. DTC, in spite of its best efforts, is unable to extend services to the colony as heavy motor vehicles cannot be operated on its narrow lanes.

However, high frequency services have been provided for Central Secretariat and other important city centres from the main Najafgarh Road and Ring Road. For the convenience of Sudershan Park residents, bus stops at Moti Nagar, New Moti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar and Kirti Nagar, at a walkable distance from Sudershan Park, have been provided.

फतूहा - इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे के कर्मचारियों का खपाया जाना

308. श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिहार में फतूहा-इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे के बन्द किये जाने के बाद से रेलवे के कर्मचारियों को भारतीय रेलों में खपाने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) गाड़ी सेवाएं फतूहा-इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे कम्पनी की देख-रेख में निजी रूप से चलाई जा रही हैं और और इन्हें बंद नहीं किया गया है। इसलिए लाइट रेलवे के कर्मचारियों को भारतीय सरकारी रेलों में समाहित करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Indo-Soviet Joint Commission meeting

309. SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Soviet Joint Commission meeting has been recently held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken at that meeting; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Indo-Soviet collaboration is taking place in setting up some major projects in third countries, if so, what are those projects and the names of the countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India is at present discussing possibilities of collaboration with USSR in certain projects set up by the latter in third countries. These discussions are at a very preliminary stage and it is too early to give an indication of the projects or the countries.

Posts of General Managers in Railways

310. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts have been created in the rank of General Managers recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this has been done on the ground of de-centralisation of administration; and

(c) if so, what is the number of such posts and the total expenditure involved in it?