

(b) if so, how much;

(c) whether power cut is imposed on other public sector industries in Visakhapatnam and if so, how much;

(d) whether production is adversely affected in the shipyard due to this power cut; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b). A 30 per cent power cut was imposed on the Hindustan Shipyard from 6 September, 1979, both on maximum demand and energy consumption. From 18 December, 1979 onwards, peak load restrictions have also been imposed between 1700 hours and 2200 hours, allowing drawal of essential lighting requirements only.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board, the power cut is applicable to all the public sector industries in Visakhapatnam, except the Refinery, which has been exempted from the power cut.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It has not been possible for the Shipyard to continue the regular two shift working due to power cut.

Change in arrival time of Meerut Shuttle at New Delhi

1267. **SHRI BABU LAL SOLANKI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the arrival time of Meerut Shuttle at New Delhi has been changed from 9.40 A.M. to 10.02 A.M. with the result that thousands of Government servants are delayed and they reach their offices late;

(b) whether the arrival time of Meerut Shuttle at New Delhi station would be restored at 9.40 A.M. or 9.35 A.M. so that Government servants could reach their offices in time;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, especially when Meerut Shuttle's arrival time has been 9.40 A.M. for almost 20 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (d). Arrival time of 2NM Meerut City-New Delhi shuttle at New Delhi was changed from 9.51 to 10.02 in 1978 due to operational constraints. However, 2NM is scheduled to arrive Tilak Bridge at 9.41 hours where most of the commuters detrain. Earlier arrival of 2NM at New Delhi is at present operationally not feasible as its path will clash with other trains and due to platform difficulties at New Delhi Station.

Buses under U.P. Road Transport Corporation

1268. **SHRI BABU LAL SOLANKI:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buses (Government and Private separately) under the U.P. Road Transport Corporation;

(b) the number of buses running on the route of Agra-Bah-Kachaura Ghat;

(c) whether all buses do not go upto Kachaura Ghat, and as a result the passengers are stranded at Bah; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the number of buses as also the frequency of buses between Agra and Kachaura Ghat?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The total number of buses under U.P. Road Transport Corporation is 6465, out of which 692 are private buses, hired by the Corporation.

(b) 19.

(c) and (d). Out of 19, as many as 12 buses go right upto Kachauraghat