

and quantum of assistance that could be given to Kampuchea, within the constraints of our resources.

"Ineffectiveness of BCG Vaccination"

582. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BCG Vaccination for infants has been found to be ineffective as an immunity to T.B.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any effort has been made to formulate a new vaccination which could prevent the attack of T.B. and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No new vaccine which could prevent the attack of T.B. has so far been formulated.

Non-Availability of Buses during Lean Period

583. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the non-availability of buses to public in Delhi during the lean period i.e. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

(b) whether DTC has been providing buses to schools in the Capital during these lean periods;

(c) whether these buses are being provided to schools whose children come from well-to-do-families (public schools) charging heavy tuition fees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of schools which have been provided with buses in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) No special survey has been made about the availability of buses during 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The frequency of the route and the number of buses to be put on a route are decided by the Corporation on the basis of general surveys conducted from time to time to assess the requirements of the commuters. During lean periods, the frequency of buses is usually reduced in comparison to what is provided for peak hours. This is due to the reason that the demand during this period is comparatively less. Further whenever any complaint is received for non-availability of buses on specific routes during specific hours, the requirements is assessed and immediate action is taken to ensure that the buses are made available on such routes. In addition the field staff of the Corporation also sends report whenever in adequacy is felt on the particular route. Suitable action is also taken on the reports and receipts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The buses are made available, on hire at prescribed rates to the schools which make a request for them irrespective of the special status of its pupils as it helps utilisation of spare capacity that becomes available to the Corporation during the lean traffic hours.

(d) The Corporation is at present supplying 356 buses to 32 schools in Delhi as per details given in the statement laid on the table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1362/80.*]

Working of the Shipping Corporation of India

584. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report submitted by the high level committee to study the working of Shipping Corporation of India has been implemented;