

### Alternative Scheme for Mid-Day Meal Programme

2623. SHRI B.V. DESAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Education Ministers of the four Southern States and the Union Territory has urged the Central Government to draw up an alternative scheme for the school mid-day meal programme in view of the gradual withdrawal of commodity assistance by CARE in three years;

(b) if so, whether they have pointed out serious repercussions which will take place in this arrangement to sustain the nutrition programme ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that last year it was reduced to 13 million and this year it will also be reduced sufficiently; and

(d) if so, what steps the Union Government have proposed to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) & (b): Emphasising the importance of the Mid-Day Meal Programme, in the context of the proposed reduction in commodity assistance from CARE, Education Ministers of the southern States underlined the need for proper assistance from the Central Government to the State Governments in the matter.

(c) There was no reduction in coverage during 1980-81. A 15 per cent reduction has been made during 1981-82.

(d): The States/UTs concerned have been advised to absorb the reductions in the manner they con-

sider appropriate without reducing the per pupil input.

The reductions envisaged by CARE can be made good only if Government succeeds in procuring supplies from alternative sources.

### Repair to Old Coaches and Wagons

2624. SHRI BALASAHU B VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Board have conducted any study about the number of coaches and wagons which are over-aged;

(b) if so, what is their number and details of the study in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken about their periodic overhaul and repairs ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes.

(b) The position regarding over-aged coaches and wagons is reviewed annually taking into account the condemnation of over-aged stock done during the previous year and new coaches placed on line in replacement. The position is also reviewed for every Five-Year Plan for making over-all provisions for replacement of overaged coaches and wagons.

The number of overaged coaches and wagons as on 31-3-81 were as under :

Coaches	Wagons
3240	22321.5

(c) No distinction is made between overaged coaches and other coaches regarding periodic overhaul and repairs. When overaged coaches are continued in service, they are also sent for periodic overhaul and other repairs in the same manner as is done for all other coaches. The periodic overhaul is being done in railway workshops while other repairs are done in sicklines, repair depots etc.

### एशियाई खेलों के लिए दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की व्यवस्था

2625. आचार्य भगवान देव : क्या नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में इस समय दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा कुल कितनी बसें चलाई जा रही हैं ;

(ख) दिल्ली में बसों में अत्यधिक भीड़-भाड़ को ध्यान में रखते हुए चालू वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली परिवहन निगम का विचार अपनी बसों में कितनी अतिरिक्त बसें चालू करने का है, और

(ग) दिल्ली में आयोजित किए जाने वाले 1982 के एशियाई खेलों की यात्री यातायात की आवश्यकताओं को पूरी करने के लिए दिल्ली परिवहन निगम क्या व्यवस्थाएं कर रहा है तथा ये व्यवस्थाएं कब तक पूरी किए जाने की संभावना है ?

नौवहन और परिवहन मंत्री (श्री वीरेन्द्र पाटिल) : (क) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम ने जुलाई 1981 में औसत रूप में एक दिन में 2923 बसें चलाईं जिनमें 357 प्राइवेट बसें शामिल हैं ।

(ख) योजनागत स्कीमों के अनुसार दिल्ली परिवहन निगम चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में 291 पुरानी बसों को बदल कर इतनी ही नई बसें खरीदेगा ।

(ग) दिल्ली परिवहन निगम ने एशियाई खेलों के दौरान यातायात संबंधी आवश्यकता को पूरी करने के लिए अतिरिक्त बसों की संख्या का अनुमान लगाने का काम नेशनल ट्रैफिक प्लानिंग एण्ड ऑटोमेशन सेंटर (केरल सरकार का उद्यम) को सौंपा है । इस मामले में निर्णय उक्त संस्था की रिपोर्ट के मिलने पर किया जाएगा ।

### Status of Punjab University

2626. SHRI R. L. BHATIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government had convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana to settle the dispute regarding the status of the Punjab University, Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the annual amount at present being contributed by the Central Government and Governments of Punjab and Haryana towards the maintenance of this University ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) A meeting with the two Chief Ministers was proposed recently to discuss certain matters concerning the University. The meeting has not, however, taken place so far.

(b) Does not arise.