

refusal to follow rules such as entry by rear-gate etc. The clashes and hold-ups of DTC buses by the students have been for various reasons including those which have no connection, even remotely, to DTC operations. There were 51 hold-ups by the students in 1979, 68 in 1980 and 45 during January-October, 1981. The cost of damage to the buses has been Rs. 17,319, Rs. 63,101 and Rs. 37,393 respectively. The excludes loss of revenue as a result of missing of trips due to hold-ups.

(c) Besides the normal city services available to the students, the number of special trips for the convenience of students is increased on the recommendations of the Apex Committee consisting of the representatives of Delhi University, Delhi University Students Union, Delhi Police and the DTC. The number of such special trips has increased from 742 in 1979, to 779 in 1980 and 940 in 1981.

The number of buses in DTC's own fleet was increased from 2283 on 31st March, 1979 to 2754 on 31st March, 1981. During the current year, DTC have further added 42 buses to its fleet by 30th November, 1981.

Institution of Advanced Studies Simla

1946. DR. KARAN SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken regarding converting the Institute of Advanced Studies Simla, into a major Centre for Philosophical Studies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the alternative scheme decided upon by Government?

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). An expert Committee was appointed to recommend the reorganisation and restructuring of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Simla. The Committee has submitted its report. However, no final decision has so far been taken on the recommendations made by the Committee.

Scheme of National Association for Scholars

1947. SHRI KAMALNATH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has decided to introduce a new scheme of three year National Association for scholars; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the number of scholars to be covered with duration thereof?

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THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS
AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT
OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) and (b). The scheme of National Associations of the University of Grants Commission has been in operation since 1971-72. So far, two categories of awards were made under the scheme, one valid for one year, and the other for five years. The scheme enables serving teachers or scientists to visit, and participate in the programmes of, institutions of their choice, for periods upto three months in an year. If the place of such visit is outside their headquarters, they are paid an allowance of Rs. 5000/- a month, besides the cost of travel. The five-year awards permitted three such visits during the award.

In October, 1981, the Commission made a modification in the scheme according to which one-half of the existing five-year Associateships has been converted into three-year