

Contract System in Open Line Works adequate offer of traffic in future months due to which it is expected that the target for the year will be achieved.

4178. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) total numbers of contract labourers engaged by the contractors on Indian Railways for the works in Open Line from January to June, 1982 with Zone and Division-wise break-up;

(b) reasons and justification for introduction and continuance of contract system in Open Line instead of getting these works done departmentally; and

(c) whether contract system violates the Government's policy and the Statutes?

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

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Goods Traffic for 1982-83

4179. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are in a position to hit the 230 million-tonne goods traffic set for 1982-83; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the progress?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) During the first three months of April to June 1982, the quantum of revenue earning originating goods traffic lifted by the Railways is 54.81 million tonnes. There is a marginal shortfall due to less offer of traffic from certain principal sectors. But these sectors have assured

Improving Bus Services for Lawrence Road Area

4180. SHRI RAM SWARUP RAM : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received by Delhi Transport Corporation from the Residents Welfare Associations and others of Lawrence Road area for improving the bus services in that area in view of the coming up of several new colonies and blocks there;

(b) whether requests were made to start more bus routes, especially those to provide direct connections between Lawrence Road, I.T.O. and R. K. Puram or extend the existing routes suitably to help commuters going to Government offices in these areas;

(c) whether some discussions were held between Delhi Transport Corporation and representatives of this area and Delhi Transport Corporation promised to consider the above matters;

(d) whether any decisions for providing more Delhi Transport Corporation services or their extensions have been taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Not in the recent past.

(d) and (e) Recently, two additional buses on flat fare of Re. 1 have been provided to augment the services on Route No. 920. Besides this, services of Route No. 160 operating between Shalimar Bagh and Central Secretariat have been diverted via Lawrence Road.