

in the Kalka-Howrah-Kalka Mail is far below the standard supplied by the Railways own catering system, which itself is not of a satisfactory standard; and

(b) reasons for not dispensing with the contracting system in the above Mail train and placing its responsibility on the Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). No written complaints for supply of sub-standard food by the contractors of Kalka-Howrah Mail have been received during 1982. However, inspections by Railway officials indicated certain lapses like use of chipped crockery, lack of cleanliness etc. The contractor has been warned and there has been some improvement since then.

Operation of D.T.C. Buses

3122. SWAMI INDERVESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of D. T. C. buses operating at present in Delhi;

(b) the average number of trips missed by D. T. C. buses monthly during the last one year;

(c) whether the private buses under D. T. C. are earning profits and D. T. C. buses are incurring losses;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the supervisory staff has increased and pilferage from Depots have also increased manifold resulting in losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI):

(a) As on 28-2-83, D. T. C. has a fleet of 4042 buses. In addition, 937 private buses are also under D. T. C. operation,

(b) The average number of trips missed by D. T. C. during the last one year was 4174 per month.

(c) and (d). D. T. C. does not maintain any record of the profit and loss of

private buses under its operation. However, DTC's own buses on city routes are incurring losses due mainly to low fare structure.

(e) No, Sir.

Development of Ayurvedic drug "AYUSH 64"

3123. SHRI SHANTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Ayurvedic drug called "Ayush 64" has been developed by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha which has been found to be very effective in combating Malaria;

(b) whether in view of the fact that the malaria parasites are developing resistance to chloroquin, Government have any plan to produce this drug; and

(c) if so, when is the production likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) In series of trials conducted by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, it has been found that the drug in question, is found effective in combating Malaria.

(b) and (c). The invention|know-how of the drug is patented by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, The commercial exploitation of the drug is being made through National Research Development Corporation and the know-how has so far been released to 5 manufacturing concerns for manufacturing the drug.

सुरतगढ़ जाने वाली गाड़ी के प्रथम दर्जे के डिब्बे में परिचारक की व्यवस्था करना।

3124. श्री कुंभाराम आर्य : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भटिंडा से हो कर सुरतगढ़ जाने वाली गाड़ी के प्रथम दर्जे के डिब्बे में