

**Workshops for constructing bodies of Buses and Trucks of Manipur State Transport**

4408. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of firms which are constructing the bodies of the buses and trucks of the Manipur State Transport and the locations of their workshops; and

(b) whether the Manipur State Transport has since opened its own workshop for the purpose ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :** (a) The firms are—(i) M/s. Ashoka Commercial Syndicate Calcutta-16, who have their workshop at Asansol; (ii) M/s. Manipur Industries; and (iii) Jamunalal Mangal and Company, both of whom have their workshops at Imphal.

(b) The Manipur State Transport has its own Workshop at Imphal. This is, however, designed mainly to undertake essential repairs, renovation of bus bodies of a minor or a major nature and carpentry, blacksmithy and painting jobs.

**Working of Manipur State Transport**

4409. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of buses (i) on the road, (ii) off the road under the Manipur State Transport;

(b) whether the buses off the road are being repaired for further use or are being disposed of;

(c) Whether the Government of Manipur are aware that the general public is much dissatisfied with the management of the Manipur State Transport; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the situation ?

**THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :** (a) 42 and 19 respectively.

(b) Repairs are undertaken wherever these are economical; in other cases, disposal of the vehicles, to the best advantage of Government, is resorted to.

(c) and (d). The Manipur Government are aware that there is room for improvement in the operations of the Manipur State Transport Undertaking. The following measures have been taken to reduce the number of off road buses and to avoid inconvenience or hardship to passengers :—

(i) A system of preventive maintenance of motor vehicles is being introduced to reduce breakdowns.

(ii) Emergent procurement of critical spare parts required for the repair of a minimum number of buses is being undertaken.

(iii) Repair facilities in the Manipur State Transport Workshop are being expanded/strengthened.

(iv) Stand-by buses are being kept on certain points to go to the aid of passengers who are stranded as a result of breakdown of a bus.

(v) More buses are being acquired to increase the frequency/speed of operations on the existing routes and to introduce bus services on recently opened routes like Imphal-Tamenglong, Imphal-Ukhrul etc. on which Manipur State Transport buses have started running. Improvement of roads is also being undertaken in a big way.

**Study of Tribal Culture in Eastern Zone**

4410 SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to facilitate the study of tribal culture in the eastern zone with special reference to Manipur, Nagaland and Assam ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY):** The Government have taken the following steps to facilitate the study of the tribal culture ;

(i) The Government of India have set up a Tribe Research and Training institute at Shillong which is being run by the State Government of Assam under the Central Sector for the welfare of the Backward Classes. This Institute studies various aspects of tribal culture in the States of Assam and Maghalaya. In Nagaland, there is a Naga Institute at Kohima but it is not covered under the scheme of backward Classes.

(ii) The Manipur Government proposes to establish a Directorate of Research. In addition, a Kala Parishad is also proposed to be established in the State which will facilitate research in tribal culture. Manipur Government also gives non recurring grants annually to various organizations for encouraging tribal activities. During 1970-71, a sum of about Rs.20,000/- has been spent for promotion of cultural activities, publication of books in different tribal dialects and purchase of books written in tribal dialects.

(iii) The Sangeet Natak Akadmi under one of the Plan Schemes, viz., survey and documentation of folk dance, drama and music has taped tribal music of many tribes like hoksang Nagz, Koiring, Miching etc. of the region in Eastern Zone. Some of their dances have also been filmed. The coverage of the tribal music and dance has been planned in a phased manner and is expected to be more comprehensive in the coming years.

**Profit Remittances of Coca Cola Export Corporation**

4411. **SHRI SAT PAL KAPUR :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of profit remitted by M/S Coca Cola Export Corporation during the last three years; year-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESWANTRAO CHAVAN):** The following remittances on account of profits by Coca Cola

Export Corporation, New Delhi were approved by the Reserve Bank of India for the years 1968 to 1970 :

Year	Amount (Rupees in lakhs)
1968	32.94
1969	44.01
1970	60.58

**Upliftment of backward Tribes in Orissa**

4412. **SHRI K. PRADHANI :** Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take special steps during the Fourth Plan period for the upliftment of the most backward tribes like Banda Paraja, Koya, Larjita Soura and Kutiya Kondh in Orissa; and

(b) If so, the steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K.S. RAMASWAMY):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the State Sector of the Backward Classes Plan, a provision of Rs. 1000 lakhs has been made in the Fourth Plan for the settlement of Podu Cultivators and 'A' Category Tribes (i.e. most backward tribes) in Orissa. This amount is proposed to be spent on the following schemes :—

- (i) Reclamation of land.
- (ii) Housing subsidy.
- (iii) Construction of wells and colonies.
- (iv) Community Centres.
- (v) Roads in Colonies.
- (vi) Minor Irrigation Projects.
- (vii) Supply of bullocks, seeds and Implements.
- (viii) Subsidies for Cottage Industries.