

Scholars from American Universities

2590. SHRI R. P. DAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Scholars from American Universities who have visited India to do research in the year 1969-70 ;

(b) whether Government keep a record of such scholars and the nature of their research ; and

(c) if so, what are the guidelines laid down in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) to (c). The requisite information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Scheme to Nationalise Mofussil Bus Routes in the Capital

2591. SHRI B. S. BHAURA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme to nationalise 12 local mofussil bus routes in the capital which was initiated in 1962 has not yet been implemented ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the employees of the Delhi Transport Undertaking have threatened to launch an agitation on this issue ; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) :

(a) The Delhi Administration has reported that the scheme has not been implemented.

(b) The Delhi Administration has reported that all the objections received against the scheme have yet to be heard finally and disposed of by the Delhi Administration in accordance with the

provisions of Chapter IV A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. The next hearing in this case is fixed for the 16th July, 1971.

(c) The Government have no information in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Loans Advanced by Nationalised Banks to Newspapers

2592. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans advanced to Newspapers by the Nationalised banks during 1968, 1969 and 1970 ; and

(b) the amounts given as loans and advances (as on 1st April, 1971) to (i) Amrit Bazar Jugantar Group ; (ii) Ananda Bazar, Hindustan Standard Group and (iii) Statesman Group ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YESHWANTRAO CHAVAN) : (a) Information in regard to the total amount of advances granted by Nationalised Banks to newspapers during 1968, 1969 and 1970 is not available. However, advances granted to newspapers by these banks and outstanding as on the last Friday of September, 1970 aggregated to Rs. 1,166.89 lakhs.

(b) Information relating to amounts advance by the Nationalised Banks to newspapers individually cannot be furnished in view of the provisions of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970 which prohibits the banks from divulging any information relating to the affairs of their constituents except in certain specified circumstances.

Fleet Strength of Shipping Corporation of India and Private Shipping Companies

2593. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of ships (with total tonnage) acquired by the Government-