

Labour Colonies constructed under Industrial Housing Scheme

702. SHRI S.M. BANERJEE : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final decision has since been taken regarding the regularisation of occupancy of Central Government employees in Kanpur staying in various Labour colonies constructed under Industrial Housing Scheme;

(b) if not, the reason for the same; and

(c) whether the U.P. Government has asked the Centre to change the rules and if so, the reaction of the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). The matter is being finalised expeditiously.

Strike in Food Corporation of India

703. SHRI S.M. BANERJEE: will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether strike in Food Corporation of India was banned under Defence of India Rules in February, 1972 ;

(b) if so, the demands of the employees; and

(c) the steps taken to redress their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHB P. SHINDE) : (a) Strike in Food Corporation of India was banned under Defence of India Rules on the 10th February, 1972, in West Bengal, Bihar and Assam.

(b) A statement listing the demands of the employees is laid on the Table of the

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(c) The dispute was settled on 15.2.1972 as a result of negotiations between the management and the Labour Union.

Complaints against working of Delhi Transport Corporation

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

(a) whether there are still a lot of complaints regarding the running of the Delhi Transport Corporation; and

(b) if so, the steps Government would take up to improve the working of the Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) There are complaints about the services of the Delhi Transport Corporation.

(b) A number of steps have been taken since 3-11-1971, when the DTC was formed, to streamline the working of the city transport service. Some of the important steps are as under :—

(1) Orders have been placed for 294 additional buses (including 30 mini buses) which will start coming by May, 1972.

(2) Twenty-nine buses have been hired from the U.P. Government Roadways.

(3) The average daily number of buses on road rose from 1089 in September, 1971 to 1287 in January, 1972. The vehicle utilisation has also increased from 65% to 74%.

(4) Schedules have been readjusted to extract increased kilometrage from