

these schemes are in operation, as small and marginal farmers, apart from the financial assistance available from existing institutions like cooperatives and commercial banks. The special schemes like SFDA and MFAL are in the Central sector and are wholly financed by the Central Government.

Production of Hindi Books

2100. SHRI D. P. JADEJA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been invited to a news item appearing in *Hindustan Times* dated the 21st July, 1972 regarding production of Hindi Books ;

(b) the reasons for the unsatisfactory production of books ; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned for the purpose State-wise and the percentage thereof utilized for the production of books during the last two years ?

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

(b) The Scheme of production of books and literature in Hindi at the University level launched in 1968-69 is being implemented mainly by the State Governments.

According to the Guidelines circulated by the Central Government at the beginning of the Scheme, the State Governments were to set up autonomous/departmental Boards for executing the scheme. This took considerable time in some States. The progress during the first two years of the Fourth Five Year Plan was slow on this account. Besides, it is in the very nature of book production that upto the manuscript stage the progress is essentially latent. Expert Subject Panels have to be set up, titles have to be selected, authors/translators have to be identified and in case of translations, copyrights have to be obtained. Results show only when books are published. The initial apparent slow progress of the Scheme is attributable to this factor also.

(c) A statement showing the grants released to State Governments and the percentage of expenditure reported to have been incurred by the various Book Production Boards during the last two years is laid out in the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T.3286/72.]

Improvement of Bus Service in Delhi

2101. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA :
SHRI SHIV KUMAR SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of great hardship being caused to the travelling public in Delhi for want of efficient transport ;

(b) if so, the positive measures being taken to improve the Delhi Transport Corporation Service, especially in peak hours ; and

(c) the measures being taken to introduce more Mini buses under direct operation of the Delhi Transport Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) : (a) to (c). Sustained efforts are being made to streamline the operations of the bus services of the Delhi Transport Corporation. These have started yielding results by way of reduction in the working deficits and missing of trips and better utilisation of vehicles. Steps are being taken to repair some of the old and defective buses to make them roadworthy. Orders have also been placed for the procurement of 294 additional buses including 30 Mini buses. 133 have already been received and added to the fleet. The remaining buses are also expected to be received by October 1972. It has been decided to acquire 425 additional buses during 1972-73 and 1973-74. Out of this, 250 are expected to be received by the end of the current financial year and the balance in the next financial year. With the augmentation of the fleet, the services are expected to further improve.

To meet peak hour traffic, which mostly consists of office goers, special trips have been provided from various localities to the office complexes in the mornings and in the reverse directions in the evenings.

Firms Manufacturing Vanaspati and Vegetable Products

2102. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of firms manufacturing vanaspati and other vegetable products who have been granted COB Licences for fabri-