

(c) The Maha Bodhi Society of India had objected to the Shipping Corporation of India naming a Bulk Carrier acquired from Japan as Gautama Buddha. The Corporation subsequently decided to change the name to Samrat Ashok.

Profit earned by D.T.O.

2150. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Transport Corporation has shown any profit since its inception;

(b) if so, the amount of profit earned by the Corporation;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by Government to better its working?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main reasons for the Delhi Transport Corporation not earning any profits are the high cost of operation of its buses and telescopic rates of fares for its services which have not been revised since 1964, resulting in a wide gap between expenditure and income.

(d) Construction of new depots, renovation of existing depots and purchase of additional equipment for the Central Workshop, so as to improve the maintenance facilities, augmentation of the fleet and restructuring of the routes on a more scientific basis are some of the main steps being taken to improve the earnings of the Corporation.

Central Universities closed during 1973-74

2151. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times each one of the Central Universities were closed during the academic year 1973-74 because of various disturbances including student unrest;

(b) whether any attempt has been made by the Universities concerned to analyse the causes and find remedies to the problems; and

(c) if so, a brief report of each such analysis?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (c). According to the information received from Aligarh Muslim University, Banaras Hindu University, Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and North-Eastern Hill University, none of them was closed during the academic year 1973-74 on account of student disturbances. Information in respect of Visva-Bharati is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Delay in Expansion of Public Sector Metropolitan Milk Scheme

2152. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for expansion of four public sector metropolitan milk schemes has been delayed for nearly three years;

(b) if so, the year-wise target fixed for achieving the expansion schemes during the last three years and how this was achieved or not achieved;

(c) to what extent the expansion scheme was dependent on imported

milk powder and gift of milk powder separately; and

(d) the present thinking of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI B. P. MAURYA): (a), (b) and (d). Under Project WFP 618 (Operation Flood) the expansion of four metropolitan dairies was to be completed during the second year of the project, as under:—

(in litres)

	Pre-Project	After expansion
Delhi Milk Scheme	300,000	380,000
Greater Milk Scheme Bombay	500,000	605,000
Greater Calcutta	200,000	265,000
Madras	50,000	100,000

The expansion was delayed due to late arrival of gift equipment from UNICEF. However, the target has been reached in case of Madras while the expansion in the case of Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta is likely to be completed shortly.

(c) The expenditure on the expansion schemes was to be made out of the funds generated from the sale of gift skim milk powder and Butter Oil.

Sale of books Published by Urdu Board

2153. SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the books published by the Urdu Board are already being put out by the National Book Trust, another Government Undertaking;

(b) if so, why this overlapping is being involved in the arrangement

(c) in what way it is financially helpful?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) to (c). The National Book Trust, an autonomous organisation, agreed to arrange the printing of Urdu manuscripts prepared under the auspices of the Tarqum-e-Urdu Board in the Board's formative stage. The Trust also agreed to cover the distribution and sale of such books through its sales organisation. This arrangement has continued so far. There is no overlapping involved in this arrangement. In fact, duplication by creation of a separate sales machinery under the Board in its formative stages, has thus been avoided. The work of the Board has, however, increased now, and the most suitable arrangement for getting the books printed and sold is under consideration in the light of the changed situation.

Discussion between India and Pakistan for Resuming cultural exchange

2154. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any discussion between the Governments of India and Pakistan over the question of resuming cultural exchanges in the last two years;

(b) what were the concrete proposals made by the Government of India in this regard; and

(c) what is the response of the Government of Pakistan to these proposals?