

**Efficient Running of D.T.C. Buses**

488. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether additional steps have recently been taken for the efficient running of D.T.C. Buses in Delhi and if so, the facts thereof;

(b) whether Police help is proposed to be sought during peak hours at important bus stands, Central Secretariat Bus stand in particular, so that there may not be disturbance in queues of passengers and if so, the facts thereabout; and

(c) the various bus routes in the Capital under D.T.C. operation and their route numbers together with the frequency of services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) A number of steps including acquisition of new buses, improvement of maintenance by construction of new depots and restructuring of routes on Scientific lines have been taken to improve the services of D.T.C.

(b) Police authorities have already been requested for posting of police constables at all the important major bus stops (including Central Sectt.) especially at the terminals for ensuring proper circulation of buses and maintaining order at these places.

(c) Abstract Time Table 1974 containing the requisite information is a priced publication and can be had from Information and Enquiry booths and pass sections of D.T.C.

**Proposal for Manufacture of Improved Version of Fighter Bomber by H.A.L.**

489. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore has proposed to manufacture the improved version of the fighter bomber;

(b) whether the designs have been prepared; and

(c) the cost involved in the manufacture of the improved version of the fighter bomber?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Consideration is being given to the problems involved in improving the capability of the HF-24 fighter aircraft.

(b) Preliminary design studies are being carried out.

(c) It is difficult at this stage to indicate the cost involved in the manufacture of the improved version of the aircraft.

**Production of Steel in India viz-a-vis World Production**

490. SHRI P. M. MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India continues to be low down in the list of steel-producing countries of the world;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State-owned Hindustan Steel which ranked 25th in the list of 50 top producers in the world in 1972 was relegated to the 31st position; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to improve the steel production in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD) (a) and (c). The International Iron and Steel Institute compiles figures of steel production in various countries which could be used as the basis for comparing production of steel in India vis-a-vis production in other countries. According to the figures