

DL): (a) On long journeys, necessitating change of buses, passengers have to pay fare, in some cases, more than that chargeable on direct services.

It is not a fact that the "Sugam Seva" does not provide quick service, as the high frequency of the services is being generally maintained

(b) During peak hours in the mornings, the buses on 'Sugam Seva' get fully packed at the terminal points. Since all the passengers do not have to go to the Central Secretariat, some of them do keep alighting at intermediate stops. The persons waiting at such points thus get a chance to board the buses. Further, for the convenience of passengers at intermediate stops, the special trips, which were being operated before the introduction of Sugam Seva, are more or less, being continued to run.

(c) The introduction of the new services has brought some relief to the commuters. The bus service is likely to improve further with the addition of new buses to the Corporation's fleet. A comprehensive programme to cover the entire Union Territory of Delhi with services similar to the "Sugam Seva" is being implemented on a phased basis.

Appointment of Indian Personnel by Foreign Embassies in India

2492. SHRI BISHWANATH JHUNJHUNWALA. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign Embassies in India recruit Indian personnel for their offices;

(b) if so, whether the terms of their appointment are wholly decided by the appointing authority or they are

guided by set international norms and if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) whether a large number of Indian employees have been sacked by the Soviet Embassy recently and whether Government have tried to find out the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b) Foreign Missions stationed in India recruit local employees depending on their requirements. There are no hard and fast regulations concerning the terms and conditions or employment of such local recruits.

(c) According to information available with this Ministry, services of 11 locally recruited employees were terminated by the Embassy of U.S.S.R., during 1974. The representation made by the local staff was brought to the notice of the Soviet Embassy who have stated that the services of these locally recruited personnel were terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of their contracts.

Harmful Effects of Air-Conditioning on Human Being

2493. SHRI BHARAT SINGH CHOWHAN. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Scientists of Canada air conditioning is harmful for the health of human beings, and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the action being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M.