INCREASE IN BUS FARE BY D.T.U.

· 2282. SHRI VISWANATHA MENON: SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Undertakings have decided to raise the bus fare to meet the deficit in current financial years' budget;

(b) the total amount of deficit incurred by the Delhi Transport Undertakings in current financial year;

(c) whether Government propose to investigate the reasons for the deficit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIP-PING (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per Budget Estimates of the Delhi Transport Undertaking, a deficit of Rs. 91-29 lakhs is anticipated during the current financial year.

(c) and (d). A work Study Team appointed to study the financial position of the D.T.U. and other connected matters submitted its report in June, 1967. The recommendations made by the Team are under the consideration of the Undertaking.

BURNING OF HIGH SCHOOL BY MIZOS

2283. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Mizo hostiles burnt down the St. John High School on the 20th September, 1967 at Kolosib on the Ağal-Sikhar road;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this is the third school of Christians which has been burnt by the Mizo hostiles; and

(c) the protection Government are giving to these schools and the Christians in these areas ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) On the night of 19th September, 1967 Mizo rebels set fire to the St. John High School Kolosib. Two rooms of the school were damaged. The fire was extinguished by the security Forces.

(b) We have no such information.

(c) Protection to all persons and property against the Mizo hostiles is provided irrespective of any religious considerations.

HINDU MIGRANTS FROM PARISTAN

2284. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU SHRI MAYAVAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state 1

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 Hindus including women have been held by security forces on their entry from Pakistan to the Ramgarh Sector at Jammu on 16th September, 1967;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have stated that they were being forced to change their religion if they desired to stay in Pakistan; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to take up with Pakistan the question of protection of minorities in Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI Y, B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c). Two Hindu families consisting of 9 members each crossed over to our side on 11th and 15th September, 1967. They say that they were asked to change their religion if they wanted to continue to live in Pakistan. From time to time Government have taken up with Pakistan the question of protection of minorities.

MIZO FIRING IN CHAMPAI

2285. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large gang of Mizo rebels opened indiscriminate fire on some houses in Champai town west of the Mizo hills bordering Burma on the 9th September, 1967;