

Dilapidated Conditions of D. T. U. Buses

5309. SHRI D. AMAT : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the D. T. U. Buses are in a dilapidated condition of maintenance, particularly the Private buses under D T. U. operation, so much so, that even the door handles are missing ;

(b) if so, whether the missing of such essential fittings often causes serious accidents ; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that all equipments necessary to prevent such road mishaps are always available in D.T.U. buses ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI IQBAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). According to the General Manager, Delhi Transport Undertaking, all the buses of the Undertaking which are sent on the road carry valid certificates of fitness issued by the State Transport Authority, Delhi. Door handles and other necessary equipment have been fitted in all the buses of the Undertaking. About 50 of the 300 private buses under DTU operation were of the old model and did not have door handles. Orders have been issued by the D.T.U. that they should be fitted with such handles before the next inspection of fitness by the State Transport Authority.

Threats by Naxalites to attack Examination Centres in West Bengal

5310. SHRI RAJ DEO SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naxalites in West Bengal have given threats to attack Examination Centres ; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to conduct the examination in a peaceful manner ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have taken the following steps :

(i) Arrangements have been made with the police authorities to provide adequate protection to institutions during examinations.

(ii) The assistance of the guardians, voluntary organisations etc. has been secured for ensuring the smooth conduct of examinations.

Strikes in the Nationalised Banks

5311. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has a fact that strikes are increasing in the nationalised banks and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested to Government to examine its root cause and suggested some measures to check such strikes in those banks which are hampering the business activity in the country ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken to check frequent strikes in these banks ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) There has been some strikes and stoppages in the nationalised banks in 1970. However, it is not possible at this stage to say with any definiteness that the strikes are increasing in the nationalised banks.

(b) and (c). Government has seen a press statement issued by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry calling upon the Government to examine the root causes of such agitations. The managements of the nationalised banks try to settle the disputes with employees through discussions and negotiations. It is always the endeavour of the Government to see that industrial peace is maintained and better relations between the employees and the management of nationalised banks are established and strengthened.

Map Depicting Geological and Geographical Features of India

5312. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether India does not possess a