THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). The requisite information is as under:—

Year	No. of cases registered of eve-teasing in private buses operating under DTC	No _e of persons Punished	No. of cases pending trial
1	2	3	4
1987	3	2	_
1988	10	15	1
1989	7	7	2
1990 Upto 30.4.90	5	6	_

No case of looting in private buses under Delhi Transport Corporation was reported during the above period.

[English]

Dredging of Ganges River

10287. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether navigability of the Ganges has been further reduced due to heavy siltation from Farakka to Calcutta; and
- (b) if so, the arrangements made for the dredging of the Ganges?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). There has been no reduction in the navigable depth of Ganga in the reach Farakka to Calcutta due to siltation during 1989-90. The Inland Waterways Authority of India, however have two dredgers for undertaking

dredging works as and when required.

Robberies/Murders in Punjab

10288. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of robberies and murders reported in Punjab during the year, 1989, month-wise; and
- (b) the measures taken to check such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A statement showing monthwise the number of cases of robberies and murders reported in Punjab during the year 1989 is attached.

(b) The prevention of crime is the responsibility of the State Government. Necessary steps to reduce the crimes like murder and robbery have to be taken by the Government of Punjab.