

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

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

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of cases registered of eve-teasing in private buses operating under DTC</i>	<i>No. of persons Punished</i>	<i>No. of cases pending trial</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
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 TRANSPORT  
(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. Nec-  
essary steps to reduce the crimes like mur-  
der and robbery have to be taken by the  
Government of Punjab.

**STATEMENT**

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>No. of cases reported</i>	
		<i>Murder</i>	<i>Robbery</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
1.	January	115	28
2.	February	105	38
3.	March	141	52
4.	April	115	29
5.	May	154	34
6.	June	135	32
7.	July	136	31
8.	August	135	23
9.	September	146	20
10.	October	166	18
11.	November	142	22
12.	December	159	31
Total		1649	358

Note: Figures are based on monthly crime statistics received from the State which may be treated as provisional.

**Expenditure on Drought Prone Area Programme**

10289. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Drought Prone Area Programme since inception till March, 1990 in different States and how

much of it was on afforestation and pasture development, rehabilitation of degraded forests, irrigation and soil conservation etc; and

(b) the total physical achievements therefrom and how far the expenditure has succeeded in improving the ecology and mitigating the severity and frequency of droughts in such areas?