

(c) The average number of trips operated by DTC buses daily was 10.92 during the period 17-1-91 to 20-2-91 as compared to 10.69 during the same period of last year. Correspondingly, a DTC bus carried 1330 passengers during the current period as compared to 1269 passengers last year.

(d) Does not arise in view of the position explained above in para (a) and (c) of the answer.

### Milk Production

\*100. SHRI HARISH PAL:  
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA  
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been phenomenal increase in milk production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the per capita milk availability in the country is still very low;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to supply milk to the poor people in the country at a low price; and

(f) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b). There has been substantial increase in the production of milk in 1980's as shown below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Milk Production</i>
1980-81	31.6 million tonnes
1985-86	44.0 million tonnes
1986-87	45.6 million tonnes
1987-88	46.6 million tonnes
1988-89 (Provisional)	48.4 million tonnes
1989-90 (Provisional)	51.4 million tonnes

(c) and (d). According to the recommendation of the Nutrition Advisory Committee (1981) of the Indian Council of Medical Research, the per capita requirement of milk is 220 grams per day as against the availability of 172 grams in 1989-90. The lower availability of milk is mainly due to (a) increase in human population; (b) poor availability of feed and fodder as the country has a very large livestock population; and (c) the major population of milch animals is of non-descript breed having low potential yield of milk.

(e) and (f). Implementation and Operation of various milk schemes except Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) and Mother Dairy, Delhi are the responsibility of the respective State Governments. The Government of India has no proposal to supply low priced milk in the States. However, DMS has recently (w.e.f. 1.1.1991) started supplying cheaper milk through selected depots located in the resettlement colonies of Delhi.

### Welfare Schemes for Disabled Persons

\*106. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: