

aid (vii) Telephone booths (viii) Petrol Pump and minor repair shop (optional) (ix) Kiosks for sale of miscellaneous/Sundry items (x) landscaping.

A wayside facility has been provided at Palghat on NH 47 in Kerala by the State Tourism Department. Wayside amenities at Palamanger on NH 4 in Andhra Pradesh and Sattur on NH 7 in Tamil Nadu have also been sanctioned.

**News Item Captioned "Pitroda's Million-Dollar Link"**

6713. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Pitroda's million-dollar link" appearing in the *SUNDAY MAIL*, Delhi dated 1st April 1990;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter is gathered by his Ministry, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is looked into.

**Dead Mileage of DTC Buses**

6714. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made for the daily dead mileage involved in the empty plying of DTC buses from shed to destination and vice-versa;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether DTC propose to issue for strict compliance necessary instructions to the crew members to pick up passengers while plying empty buses from shed to destination and vice-versa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b). DTC operates buses from depot to the starting point/destination and vice-versa on bus routes and the kilometres on account of such trips are essential features of DTC operations. No assessment has been made of such plying on which revenues are not earned.

(c) and (d). Instructions have already been issued by the DTC that the bus crew should display the destination boards, stop the bus at bus-stops and pick up the passengers while going from depots to the starting point/destination and vice-versa. These instructions are repeated from time to time and are also announced on public address system in the depots for information and strict compliance by the staff. The checking staff have also been instructed to exercise necessary checks with a view to curbing any violation of these instructions

**Import Policy for Seeds**

6715. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a critical review of import policy for seeds and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of leading industrial companies including Multi-nationals which entered in the field of seeds production and imports during the last three years;

(c) the quantity and value of seeds