

D.T.C. to engage more private buses

261. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :

SHRI K. A. RAJAN :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the recommendations of two experts groups to the contrary Delhi Transport Corporation plans to engage more private buses; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore and the number of buses being engaged ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). The Enquiry Committee set up in 1977 and headed by Shri Shyam Charan Gupta, as also the Tata Consultancy Services, in their reports recommended, amongst other things, the removal of P.O. buses through a phased programme. Immediate or, abrupt displacement has not been recommended. The number of P.O. buses as of today are 551 and is proposed to be increased by 250 out of which 50 will be for replacement of existing old P.O. buses within the over all ceiling of 1000 approved by the Government.

D.T.C. Bus Drivers

*262. SHRI H. N. NANDE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DTC bus drivers do not stop bus at the bus stops but stop it either before or beyond the bus stop; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed against the bus drivers ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) Complaints of this nature have been received by the Government as well as DTC.

(b) While the DTC as well as Delhi Police have been asked to make suitable arrangements to post police men and Traffic Supervisory Staff at heavy loading points to ensure that the buses stop at the proper stops, departmental action is taken against the erring staff on receipt a specific complaints and as a result of surprise checks.

Scheme to control population in the country

*263. SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's strategy to control population and how it differs from that of the previous Governments; and

(b) whether Government is facing any hurdles in the implementation of the family planning programme ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Government's strategy to control population is to secure the willing acceptance of the people to promote the small family norm through a process of motivation and education and by providing necessary infrastructure for availing of family planning services on a free and voluntary basis. The previous Government caused serious set back to the programme by distorted propaganda and did not give a proper direction to the programme.

(b) One of the principal hurdles facing the Government is the confusion and misgivings about the programme caused in the public mind through adverse, motivated and distorted publicity by the previous Government. The credibility of the programme which was damaged thereby has to be restored. The present Government has taken several steps in this direction and it can be stated that to a large extent the doubts and fears in the public mind have now lessened and the programme has begun to look up.

मंडपम और पम्बन के बीच पुल

*264. श्री रामबिलास पासवान : क्या नौबहन और परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रामेश्वरम के निकट मंडपम और पम्बन के बीच पुल का निर्माण कब से चल रहा है;

(ख) पुल कब तक तैयार हो जायेगा;

(ग) इस पुल पर कुल कितना खर्च होने का अनुमान है; और

(घ) पुल पर निर्माण कार्य के रोक दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?