

ports received and passports issued by the Regional Passport Office, Bangalore during the last three months; and

(b) the steps taken for speedy issue of passports by this office?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Total number applications for passports received at the Regional Passport Office, Bangalore, during May, June and July 1990 was 18413 and total number of passports issued during same period was 17185.

(b) RPO, Bangalore have taken steps to clear immediately all these pending cases, except those with adverse reports, in terms of the new verifications system which has commenced from June 1990.

U-Special DTC Buses

598. **SHRI CHAVIRAM ARGAL:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of D.T.C. buses introduced for the students of Delhi University as U-Special for the current academic session in the capital; and

(b) the number of such buses which had plied during the last academic session?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) and (b). U-Special trips constitute only a part of the day's operational programme of a DTC bus. The Corporation operated 975 U-Special trips during the last academic session. The same number of trips continue to be operated during current academic session.

Police Personnel Travelling Without Ticket

599. **SHRI CHHAVIRAM ARGAL:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff of Delhi Transport Corporation, Delhi Police, Home guards and other police personnel are eligible for travelling without ticket in the buses run by the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, how such persons travel free in the DTC buses frequently; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to stop such frequent travelling without ticket?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to (d). In terms of provisions of Delhi Road Transport Authority (conditions of Appointment & Services) Regulations 1952, DTC has been providing free duty the DTC Employees of class III and IV recruited on or after 1.9.1952. The same facility is being given to all daily rated and monthly rated employees who were appointed before 1.9.52 and who were in receipt of all route free passes. Officers of Class I and II and wherever necessary operational staff of all categories on duty are also given all-route passes.

Police personnel of the rank of Constables and head Constables are given free travel by DTC buses at the rate of two personnel in uniform in each buses.

Free travel facilities are not extended to Home Guards by DTC.

[*Translation*]

Loss Incurred by Cochin Shipyard
600. **PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: