

[English]

Performance of DTC

4515. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the losses suffered by Delhi Transport Corporation as on March 31, 1994 and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to check the losses and also to DTC buses on profitable routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The losses suffered by DTC, as on 31-3-1994 are as under:-

	(Rs. in crores) (Provisional)
Working loss (excluding interest and depreciation)	84.51
Net loss	281.36

The main reasons for these losses are:

- (i) Un-economic fare structure
- (ii) Rising cost of labour and material inputs.
- (iii) Concessions given to the students and weaker section of the society through concessional passes.
- (iv) Heavy interest burden on the loans advanced to DTC.

(v) The operation of nearly 3000 redline buses on city routes.

(vi) Operation of many un-remunerative routes on special consideration e.g. university and rural routes etc.

(b) Government have been continuously monitoring the performance of DTC with a view to improve its functioning. Increase in fuel efficiency and tyre life, reduction in the number of break-downs by better maintenance practices and economy in expenditure have been some of the measures undertaken. Plugging leakage of revenue is another measure which DTC undertakes through effective checking. Speedy disposal of scrap, route rationalisation are other steps being taken to augment the DTC revenues.

Rationalising the size of DTC fleet to 3500 buses and withdrawal of DTC buses from loss making routes after STA, Delhi has issued permits to private operators on these routes, are amongst the proposals contained in the inter-connected package being finalised by the Government for rehabilitation of DTC to ensure its long term viability.

[Translation]

Lucknow Passport Office

4516. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications lying pending in Lucknow Passport Office till December, 1993;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearance of these applications and the steps

taken to fix the minimum time limit to dispose of pending applications;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the seizure of fake and stolen passports from the possession of recruitment agents in Lucknow;

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

(e) whether any officials of the passport office have been found involved in this racket; and

(f) if so, the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b). The number of pending applications in Passport Office, Lucknow as of December 31, 1993 was 68231, of which 66301 were pending for over one month. Reasons for delay in issue of passports included shortage of staff, shortfall of booklets, incomplete applications and receipt of adverse police reports.

The Government has taken various steps to bring down the time taken for issue of passports including, inter-alia, increase in the supply of passport booklets, augmentation of staff, review of passport issuing procedures and the introduction of a productivity-linked incentive scheme. The backlog at Lucknow was reduced by over 19,000 between the end of December 1992 and December 1993.

(c) No Sir.

(d) to (f). Do not arise.

Air/Doordarshan Kendras in Uttar Pradesh

4517. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the locations in the Uttar Pradesh where Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to cover rural areas of the State of Doordarshan and Akashvani network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) Upon completion of the projects under implementation/envisaged, the area wise coverage of the State by Doordarshan and Akashvani Kendras will increase from 79.0% and 88.0% to 82.8% and 93.0% respectively. This will cover the rural and the urban areas of the State.

STATEMENT

The locations in Uttar Pradesh where Doordarshan Kendras and All India Radio Stations are proposed to be set up during 8th Five Year Plan

Doordarshan

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