

liver enlargement was reduced and there was diminution of swelling in the lower limbs. Urine output was also increased. The allopathic team which also examined the patients did not find any untoward reaction in most of the cases.

(c) The effect of this drug is required to be studied in some more patients before steps could be taken to promote its use in the

(d) Since this drug is commonly available in almost all parts of the country, it will be cheaper than the allopathic medicines used in similar conditions. In view of the absence of any untoward effects/symptom of toxicity within the therapeutic limits, this drug appears to possess a greater safety limit.

Popularising Indian products in Missions abroad

553. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken to popularise Indian products in our Embassies abroad;

(b) whether in any function in the Indian Missions abroad, products of Indian origin like squash, soft drinks, biscuits, chikki, papad, achar, chivada etc. have been served; and

(c) whether instructions are proposed to be issued to concerned authorities not to miss chance of popularizing Indian products abroad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINFAL DAS): (a) and (c). There are standing instructions to our Missions that in their representational activity every effort must be made to project the image of India and seek to popularise the industrial and handicrafts products made in the country.

(b) Indian diplomats are encouraged to make every possible use of Indian dry fruits and non-perishable items like tea, coffee, nuts, cigarettes etc. in their hospitality. However, economics of transportation or ready un-availability locally may come in the way of serving Indian products in all our Missions in all functions.

Loss suffered by D.T.C. on account of accidents

554. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of DTC buses and private buses under DTC operation in Delhi which turtle during the year 1974-75 (upto 31st January, 1975);

(b) the total number of DTC buses and private buses under DTC operation in Delhi which met with an accident during the above period;

(c) the total loss suffered by the D.T.C. on this account;

(d) the total number of persons killed and injured as a result of these two incidents; and

(e) whether the DTC has given any compensation to the victims and if so, the amount thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI):

(a) Six DTC buses overturned during the relevant period. Similar information in respect of private buses operating under DTC control is not available with the Corporation because, in accordance with the agreement between the DTC and private operators, the civil liability arising out of an accident involving a private bus rests with the owner of that bus.

(b) 1205 DTC buses were involved in road accidents during the period from 1-4-1974 to 31-1-1975. Information

in respect of private buses under DTC operation, which were involved in accidents during the same period is not available

(c) It is not possible to make a complete assessment of the loss suffered by DTC on account of its vehicles being involved in road accidents during 1974-75 (upto 31-1-1975) unless all the compensation claims arising out of these accidents, are settled/determined

(d) 67 persons were killed and 44 were injured in accidents involving DTC buses

(e) No Sir None of the claims for compensation in respect of accidents which took place during the above period filed with the Motor Accidents claims Tribunal Delhi has yet been decided. An amount of Rs 2.04 lakhs was paid as compensation during the period for claims filed earlier to April 1974

Visit to India by Iranian Team for getting Indian Technicians

555 SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether an Iranian team recently visited India to get technicians and other skilled personnel to work in Iran,

(b) if so, the results thereof, and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to recruit people and also ensure better service conditions for them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) (a) Yes, Sir The Iranian team recently visited India with the objective of finalising procedures for recruitment of Indian experts and skilled personnel.

(b) As a result of discussions a Protocol was signed outlining the procedures for recruitment

(c) Separate teams from Iran are expected to visit India for recruitment of personnel. It will be our endeavour in our discussions with the Iranian recruiting teams to ensure fair and equitable service conditions for our personnel

Proposal for reopening Srinagar-Pindi road

556 SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to reopen Srinagar-Pindi Road, and

(b) if so the decision since taken and the conditions thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Support of foreign Governments for Hindi in U N O

557 SHRI MOHINDER SINGH GILL Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any move to take Hindi to UN and its allied Agencies,

(b) whether the demand to do so has been supported by some foreign Governments also, and

(c) if so, the progress made in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS) (a) Government is in the process of making an assessment regarding the possibility of Hindi being accepted as one of the languages of the UN