

Tonk, Rajasthan. As a result of supply of drinking water to Rajasthan from the wells dug on the bank of river Banas near Deoli, the water level both in the wells as well as in the river Banas has gone down considerably. As a consequence of this, the water level in all the wells of Negida, Malira, Rajmahal, Bisalpur, Bantili and Santhili and other 50 villages situated upto 16 miles downstream from Deoli on both sides of this river has gone down considerably and some of the wells have completely dried up resulting in a lot of hardships to the people there. The situation become all the more difficult during the summer season every year. There is a proposal to construct Bisalpur Dam on this river pending with the State Government for the last 40 years.

There is need to tackle this problem more on humanitarian grounds. Providing drinking water is one of the 20-point programmes which the Government should follow vigorously.

I request the Central Government to look into this matter and extend financial assistance to the State Government to expedite the construction of Bisalpur Dam for removing scarcity of drinking water of District Tonk of Rajasthan.

(vii) NEED TO IMPROVE DELHI TRANSPORT CORPORATION SERVICE.

DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT (Rajgarh) : Delhi is a city of distances and people particularly in the lower income group have to stay at long distances. They are mainly dependent on the DTC Service for bringing them to their place of work and taking them back to their homes. Students too have to travel long distances to attend educational institutions.

It is imperative that the DTC Service is run on efficient and sound

lines in the interest of providing reliable and dependable service.

From time to time questions have been asked to highlight the shortage of buses and the need for augmenting the fleet on priority basis. It is also essential that the existing fleet is put to best use and operating costs kept within norms. The administrative set up should be such as to make for accountability and efficient functioning. Government should see that officers of proven experience and integrity are only put in responsible positions so that they can manage the organisation properly and inspire confidence among the travelling public.

Recently there has been a wave of resentment, dissatisfaction and frustration among the staff of the Delhi Transport Corporation.

The large number of employees working in DTC service should be properly taken care of and provided with accommodation and other essential facilities. The system of recruitment should be put on sound lines so as to remove any suspicion of nepotism/ad hocism. With Delhi Transport now being a Corporation Old Rules of 1952, originally framed for the Delhi Road Transport Authority need several changes to bring them on uniform pattern like other major Transport Corporations.

There is need for putting the service on sound and efficient basis without losing further time as the rush of Asian Games would soon start.

There is need for a high power probe into the affairs of D.T.C.

I would request the Hon. Minister to kindly look into the matter and inform the House of the concrete measures taken to improve the Service.