

SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the strike by taxi drivers in Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta on the 28th March, 1969 against the increase in excise duty on petrol ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government will appoint a Committee to go into the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAGHURAMIAH):

(a) Yes.

(b) The proposed increase in the duty on motor spirit is a part of the measures adopted by Government to raise the necessary resources for development schemes in the Fourth Five Year Plan. The Road Transport Taxation Enquiry Committee has also recommended that the level of expenditure on roads should be stepped up considerably. A larger allocation for roads has accordingly been proposed in the Fourth Five Year Plan. This will not only help the growth of the road transport industry but will also benefit the industry by reducing the cost of operation of transport vehicles.

(c) Does not arise.

Reforms in Defence Set up of the
Country

9174. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission's Study Team on defence has made any recommendations to reform the defence set up in the country ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) The Study Team has not yet submitted its final report to the Administrative Reforms Commission.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO USQ. NO. 6162 DATED 11-4-1969 RE. WORK IN HINDI IN MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : "In the reply given to part (a) of the Unstarred Question No. 6162 answered on April 11, 1969, in the Lok Sabha, for the word the "English" occurring in line 7 between the words "in and both" the word "Hindi" may be substituted."

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO USQ NO. 1863 DATED 22-11-1968 RE. DEMONSTRATION MULTIPURPOSE SCHOOLS.

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (DR. V.K.R.V. RAO) : In the reply to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No. 1863 by Shri Siddayya in the Lok Sabha on the 22nd of November, 1968, the former Minister of State in the Ministry of Education Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad had stated that the number of students, who appeared for the XI standard examination at the Demonstration Multi-purpose School Centre at Ajmer during 1966-67, was 96. It has later been found that the correct number of students was 86. The authentic and correct figure may, therefore, be taken as 86. This inadvertent inaccuracy is regretted.

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO USQ NO. 3959 DATED 21-3-1969 RE. REVATHI AIRCRAFT.

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARAN SINGH) : Sir, on 21st March, 1969, in reply to Unstarred Question No. 3959 by Shri Baburao Patel regarding Revathi Aircraft, I stated in reply to part (a) of the question that "The prototype is under-going flight trials at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur." However, according to the factual position, this portion of the reply should read "The prototype has undergone flight trials at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur."