

(e) if so, what are the reasons for reduction in the number of scheduled trips on the above routes and what steps are being taken to restore the reduced trips so as to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The number of trips scheduled per day for the routes are as below :-

Route No.	January, 88	27-2-90
603	60	56
640	43	38

Route No.	May, 87	27-2-90
623	72	60
641	48	36

Route No.	July, 87	27-2-90
660	72	48

(d) and (e) The statistics regarding exact number of commuters undertaking bus journey from various stops are not maintained by Delhi Transport Corporation. The existing trips from Vasant Vihar however cater to the requirements so that no commuter is left out at the bus stop. The Delhi Transport Corporation with its available number of buses has to meet the needs of entire city and trips are scheduled in such a way that the requirements are met to the maximum. The augmentation of its fleet is done every year. In 1988-89, 475 buses have been acquired. In the current year acquisition of 500 buses is on the anvil

Iran's protest against Incidents in Jammu and Kashmir

140. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH,
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his visit to Iran, scheduled for January 29, 1990 was called off by Iran in protest against recent incidents in Jammu & Kashmir;

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

(c) whether Government propose to review its diplomatic relation with Iran?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Fifth Session of the Indo-Iranian Joint Commission, at Ministerial level, was scheduled to take place in Tehran on January 29, 1990. The decision to defer the Joint Commission meeting was mutually arrived at by both sides, due to our preoccupation with the elections in India, and Iranian Government's preoccupation with the anniversary celebrations of the Islamic Revolution.

(c) Does not arise.

Khalsa Panchayats

141. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH,
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the formation of Khalsa Panchayats on the 2nd February, 1990 at the Manji Sahib Dewan Hall of the Golden Temple, Amritsar to run parallel Government at village levels in the whole Punjab; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYYED): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of an announcement