

(c) whether Government propose to have rethinking on this proposal and change it to the original schedule; and

(d) whether Government had taken the opinion from all categories of commuters and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The arrival time of the train at New Delhi station is now 10.55 Hours.

(b) to (d) The earlier schedule was frequently affecting punctual arrival of the train. However, Tamil Nadu Express arrives New Delhi at 5.50 Hrs.

#### Losses by DTC

1992. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation is running at a huge loss;

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken to subside this loss;

(c) whether it is a fact that the concessional fare for students in Delhi is the lowest of those prevailing in the country;

(d) if so, whether any measures have been taken to increase this fare;

(e) whether there is any proposal to revise the fare structure in Delhi; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH

PILOT): (a) and (b) DTC has been incurring losses mainly due to unremunerative fare structure and rising cost of labour and other inputs. Steps are taken on continuing basis to increase productivity and reduce per unit cost by adopting economy measures, strict maintenance schedule inventory control and route rationalization.

(c) Variations in the fare structures, the average leads of passenger travel in different places renders comparison inadequate in respect of impact of concessional ity in fares afforded to students by different transport undertakings in the country.

(d) to (f) Rationalization and revision of fare structure is one of the measures proposed by DTC.

#### Direct flight from Coimbatore to Delhi

1993. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :

SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a heavy rush of passengers for the flight from Coimbatore to Delhi;

(b) whether Government are considering a proposal to link Coimbatore directly with the country's Capital either via Hyderabad or Madras:

(c) if so, whether it would be a daily service or biweekly service; and

(d) by when the service is likely to be introduced?