

this happens when the crew of the buses have been assaulted.

(b) DTC has a fleet of its own as well as a fleet of privately operated buses under its control for which payment is made by DTC to the private

bus operators on a fixed per kilometre basis. Due mainly to the low fares charged from the passengers, the DTC incurs losses on both types of operations. The total working losses (and of both separately) during the last 3 years are as under :—

Working Losses of DTC (Rs. in lakhs)

Year	On DTC Fleet Buses	On Private Operators Buses	Total
1981-82	1771.59	197.31	1968.90
1982-83	2689.95	492.50	3182.45
1983-84	3850.70	739.01	4589.71

The profit made by the private bus operators is not known.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Publication on Urdu Encyclopaedia

702. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the volumes of Urdu Encyclopaedia are likely to be published; and

(b) what are the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The manuscripts of the Urdu Encyclopaedia consisting of 12 volumes has been received in the Bureau for the Promotion of Urdu. The Standing Committee of the Taraqqi-e-Urdu Board has recently constituted a panel of advisers to go through the material at the earliest. A special cell, which was required to process its production, could not be established because of the ban on creation of posts.

LTC facilities for Cantonment Boards employees

703. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to allow Leave-Travel Concession facilities to the employees of Cantonment Boards has been under Government's consideration; and

(b) by when a final decision in this matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Cantonment Board Employees have already been sanctioned the facility of Leave Travel Concession for Home Towns in July, 1983 and the proposal for Leave Travel Concession for any station in the India is under consideration of the Government.

Group insurance cover for employees of Cantonment Board

704. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for providing group insurance cover to the