

mand of the residents. However, the area is still in the developing stage and as and when it is considered necessary the services will be augmented suitably.

Solatium fund Authority

819. SHRI M. BASAVARA JU:
SHRI M. MADDANNA:

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

(a) what are the reasons for not giving adequate publicity to the Solatium Authority;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the amount of Rs. 1,80,000 for providing publicity to this Authority; and

(c) the number of claims settled by the said Authority since its inception in October, 1982, with details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Publicity to the Solatium Fund Scheme is being undertaken on a continuing basis. Besides dissemination of information through television and radio interview, Press releases have been issued at intervals. Three lakh wall-posters in this connection were got prepared through DAVP, in all regional languages and in English and distributed through usual DAVP channels.

Transport Commissioners in the States/U.Ts. who had been supplied with full background materials for arranging publicity in vernacular lang-guages have also been taking necessary steps.

(b) For the purpose of publicity of Solatium Fund Scheme, an amount of Rs. 2 lakhs has been provided for the year 1985-86. This is in addition

to normal publicity through AIR/TV and the press.

(c) Solatium Fund Scheme is implemented through the State Govts. On the basis of information received from the States/UTs, 756 claim applications have been decided, out of which 453 claims qualified for award. An amount of Rs. 15.82 lakhs has been paid as solatium.

D.T.C. route No. 720

820. SHRI M. MADDANNA; Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to reply to Unstarred Question 423 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1985. and state:

(a) whether the frequency of D.T.C. buses plying on route number 720 has been augmented consequent upon addition of two more buses w.e.f. 19th February, 1985. If so, what is the frequency of buses running on this route now and what was the same previously;

(b) whether Government are aware that even now no special trips have been provided on this route during morning peak hours from C-2, C-3 and C-6 Blocks of Janakpuri; and

(c) whether the introduction of a special trip on this route during morning peak hours from C-3 or Janak Cinema Complex, has been a long standing demand of the residents of this area, if so, the reasons for not fulfilling the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) With the addition of two buses on route No. 720 w.e.f. 19-2-85, the frequency which was 20/40 minutes. prior to 19-2-85 has been stepped upto 10/20/40 minutes.

(b) D.T.C. have already provided following Special tripe on route No.