

(d) According to the DDA, the work is likely to be completed by the end of 1984.

D.T.C. Bus Service from Central Secretariat and Regal to Maurya Enclave and other adjoining Colonies .

2613. SHRI M. MOSES: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bus service in the developing Maurya Enclave, Vishakha Enclave, Pitampura and Rohini Scheme from the Central Secretariat and Regal is very poor and that the buses from these terminals are always over-crowded for these localities;

(b) whether DTC has made a survey about the need of buses for this developing complex;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of buses and routes which are proposed to be introduced from the Central Secretariat and Regal terminals and from various other terminals for this developing complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir. The existing services are adequately meeting the transport needs of the concerned areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The survey revealed that there was necessity of augmenting/introducing services on Route 170 from Uttari Pitampura.

(d) The D.T.C. has already introduced with effect from 1-8-83, a new route No. 170 Extra between Uttari Pitampura and Central Secretariat and another route No. 883 between Uttam Nagar Terminal and Mori Gate Terminal via Uttari Pitampura.

Financial Assistance to North Eastern Region

2614. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any scheme to provide financial assistance to the States of North Eastern region to develop the State Capitals and important towns in those States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, the following towns have been covered in respect of the North Eastern States:—

Assam
Silchar
Tinsukhia
Jorhat
Tejpur
Dibrugarh

Manipur
chandel
Karching
Meghalaya
Shillong

Nagaland
Kohima
Tripura
Udaipce

Arunachal Pradesh.

Mizoram:

1. Aizawl

One town is yet to be identified by the State Government.

The details of projects approved and funds released to State Governments are given below:

Statement

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of State/UT	Name of the town	Project appd. (Total cost)	Funds released by Central Government Total	
Assam	Tinsukhia	99.62	32.92	
	Silchar	83.65	30.12	
	Tejpur	79.61	30.00	
	Jorhat	86.67	24.50	
	Dibrugarh	90.60	21.50	139.04
Manipur	Chandel	40.08	4.50	
	Kakching	40.60	4.60	9.10
Meghalaya	Shillong	88.95	13.50	13.50
Nagaland	Kohima	78.08	10.00	10.00
Tripura	Udaipur	80.27	17.00	17.00
Arunachal Pradesh	One town is yet to be identified by the State Govt.			
Mizoram	Aizawl	80.00	22.50	22.50
		TOTAL	211.14	211.14

Decline in agricultural production

2615. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural production in the country did not grow at the decided rate during the decade 1970-71 to 1980-81 and there is scope for and an urgent need to increase the growth rate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and which are the crops which have suffered; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the production of both low and high productivity crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Broadly the reasons responsible for this phenomenon were:

(i) drought/floods affecting various parts of the country in a number of years particularly during 1972-73, 1976-77 and 1979-80;

(ii) steep rise in energy costs following hike in oil prices;

(iii) increases in fertiliser prices. The growth of almost all the crops has been affected in varying degrees on account of the above factors.