

able fleet and by making addition to it. At present, the Corporation has around 3000 buses (including that of private operators' under its operation) against 1366 only at the time of its establishment on 3rd November, 1971. 81.69% of the fleet are being brought now on road against 69.62% in 1974-75. The number of missing trips has also been reduced from about 30% in 1974-75 to 11% only at present. Buses of the Corporation are at present covering about 4 lakh K.Ms. per day against 2.26 lakh K.Ms. in 1974-75 and now carry double the number of passengers of 13.5 lakhs in 1974-75.

To further improve the bus services in the Capital, the Corporation is improving its maintenance system for which a second Central Workshop is being established alongwith other infrastructure of required number of depots; to house the additional fleet of the Corporation.

The Corporation is expected to have a fleet of about 4,000 buses (including that of private buses operating under its control) by the end of 1980-81, with the addition of new fleet, complemented by the improvement in maintenance facilities and operational efficiency, the bus service system in the Capital will be considerably improved.

Increase in malaria cases

256. SHRI SYED SHAHEDULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly two thousand people had lost their lives in the country in the year 1979 due to malaria;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an alarming increase in the malaria cases in the country and all the attempts to eradicate the disease made so far have failed; and

(c) if so, what further action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) No. On the contrary incidents of malaria stands reduced further by about 30% during the year 1979 compared to 1978.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of the Indian Roads Congress

257. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the recommendations made at the 40th session of the Indian Roads Congress which was held in Jaipur on 3rd January, 1980; and

(b) what action Government are taking thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The Indian Roads Congress is a private body registered under the Societies Registration Act No. XXI of 1860. No recommendations have been received by the Government of India from them so far.

(b) Does not arise.

Power-cut in the Hindustan Shipyard Limited

258. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any power cut has recently been imposed on the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether production has adversely affected in the shipyard due to the power cut; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) A 30 per cent power-cut was imposed on the Hindustan Shipyard from 6th September, 1979 both on maximum demand and ener-