

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Transport availability with ITDC

423. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

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

(a) the strength of the fleet of transport vehicles available with India Tourism Development Corporation at different centres throughout the country for hire to tourists;

(b) whether it is a fact that maintenance cost of the fleet is more than its earnings; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to economise on the

maintenance expenditure of the transport fleet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) ITDC has 244 vehicles at different centres in the country available for hire to tourists. A statement showing the distribution of these vehicles at various centres is attached as Annexure 'A' (See below).

(b) No, Sir. A statement showing the turnover and operating expenses under major heads is enclosed as Annexure 'B' which will show that the expenditure on repairs and maintenance is far less than the turnover. (See below).

(c) ITDC has taken various steps to economise on maintenance expenditure including recruitment of competent and qualified staff, adoption of preventive maintenance schedules, introduction of the system of job cards, substitution of indigenous spares for imported parts etc., etc.

Annexure 'A'

Sl. No.	Name of the Unit	Date of Establishment	Imported cars.	Ambassador Cars	Big Coaches	Mini-Coaches	Total
1.	Delhi	1 Nov., 64	62	7	10	..	79
2.	Jaipur	1 Jan., 69	7	4	1	..	12
3.	Patna	25 Jan., 69	2	4	4	..	10
4.	Madras	16 April, 69	9	10	8	1	28
5.	Aurangabad	13 Dec., 69	4	2	3	1	10
6.	Hyderabad	13 Jul., 70	2	4	2	..	8
7.	Agra	18 Nov., 70	6	4	2	..	12
8.	Bangalore	13 Feb., 71	7	6	4	..	17
9.	Bombay	2 Aug., 71	19	4	3	6	32
10.	Kovalam	17 Dec., 72	1	3	..	..	4
11.	Calcutta	10 Mar., 73	7	2	2	..	11
12.	Varanasi	9 Aug., 73	3	3	3	..	9
13.	Bhubaneswar	13 Jan., 76	1	2	1	..	4
14.	Indore	26 Oct., 78	2	..	1	..	3
15.	Jabalpur	20 April., 79	2	..	..	1	3
16.	Khajuraho	22 April, 79	2	..	..	..	2
			136	55	44	9	244

Annexure 'B'

Transport Unit		Actuals		
(Excluding Tourist Service Station)		(Rs. in lakhs)		
Particulars	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	
1. Turnover	119.62	137.94	170.76	
2. Operating & Maintenance Cost				
(a) Cost of Service rendered (POL)	26.67	25.62	29.86	
(b) Salaries, Wages, Bonus and Benefits	36.18	40.23	43.22	
(c) Repairs & Maintenance				
(i) Vehicles	21.69	22.84	28.24	
(ii) Others	0.31	0.17	0.25	
(d) Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	11.35	9.82	11.43	
(e) Upkeep & Service cost	10.89	13.21	19.94	
(f) Others	1.38	0.30	0.85	
Total	108.47	112.19	133.79	
3. Operating Profit	11.15	25.75	36.97	
4. Administrative & Business Prom. Expenses	7.57	7.83	9.43	
5. Profit before depreciation, interest and overheads etc.	3.58	17.92	27.54	
6. Depreciation, Interest, overheads & doubtful debts,				
(a) Depreciation	14.55	21.10	22.00	
(b) Interest	2.19	3.04	3.49	
(c) Overheads	4.83	3.89	5.85	
(d) Prov. for doubtful debts	3.12	1.86	1.47	
Profit/Loss	(—)21.11	(—)11.97	(—)5.27	
Profit/Loss from Tourist Service Station (A part of Transport Division)	(—)0.18	(—)0.22	(—)0.61	
	(—)21.29	(—)12.19	(—)4.66	

Losses incurred by Banks

424. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the losses incurred by rural branches of banks as at the end of June, 1977, June, 1978 and June, 1979;

(b) what are the reasons for such performance; and