

in planning methodology proposed to be introduced have also been explained. These matters will be set out in detail in the Draft Plan, which is likely to be placed for discussion before the National Development Council in February 1978.

(c) Yes, Sir.]

*347. [Transferred to the 13th December, 1977]

Road accidents in Delhi

*348. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPARDE:

SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI:

SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of fatal road accidents is on the increase in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the main causes of these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The increase is mainly because of the following reasons:

(i) increase in the number of vehicles;

(ii) Dispersal of the population to the periphery in the wake of the demolitions as a result of which people are required to travel to their work centres from far off places and generally travel on cycles.

(iii) Heterogenous traffic.

Scheme to attract private buses for DTC operation

*349. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modify the existing terms of the kilometre scheme with a view to attracting more private buses for operation on D.T.C. routes; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Central assistance for development of hilly areas in Darjeeling District

*350. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the amount of Central assistance given for the development of hilly areas in the Darjeeling District of West Bengal during the last year and so far during the current year?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): Central assistance of Rs. 3 crores and Rs. 3.25 crores was approved for 1976-77 and 1977-78 (current year) respectively for the development of hilly areas of Darjeeling.

Effect of excise duty on the shoes industry

*351. SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI: SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: SHRI PIARE LALL KUREEL urf PIARE LALL TALIB: SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the recent levy of excise duty, production of shoes in the country has declined considerably; and

(b) if so, what relief is proposed to be given to the shoe industry to tide over the crisis?