

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**D.T.C. Bus service in the rural areas of Delhi**

579. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government propose to take to streamline the D.T.C. bus services to the rural areas of Delhi, particularly covering Narela/Lampur border and other adjoining villages;

(b) whether it is a fact that D.T.C. bus service in the rural areas of Delhi has deteriorated during the last six months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the shuttle services of D.T.C. from Lampur Border/Narela to Azadpur have been discontinued for the last six months, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to improve the D.T.C. bus service on these routes?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a), (b) and (d) Due to depletions in the fleet and in the absence of replenishments for over a year, there has been some paucity of services in certain sectors in these areas. Steps are being taken to fill the gaps as expeditiously as feasible when it is expected there would be some improvements.

(c) A route between Narela and Azadpur was introduced, specifically for operation of bus services by ex-servicemen under DTC's control. After operating the services for about a year, the ex-servicemen withdrew their buses from this route in August, 1976, on the ground that the services were uneconomical.

**Benefits given to the Army Officers getting Gallantry Awards/Commendation Certificates**

580. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of army officers, who were given Gallantry Awards, Commendation certificates and Sainik Padaks, category-wise, during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the officers getting these Awards are given any benefits like special advance increments or promotions; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to give any such benefits to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) A statement is attached. [See Appendix CI, Annexure No. (36)].

(b) and (c) Monetary benefits are paid to the winners of gallantry awards as indicated below:

	(Rs. per months)
Param Vir Chakra . . . .	100
Each bar to Param Vir Chakra	40
Maha Vir Chakra . . . .	75
Each bar to Maha Vir Chakra	25
Vir Chakra . . . . .	50
Each bar to Vir Chakra . .	20
Ashoka Chakra . . . . .	90
Each bar to Ashoka Chakra .	35
Kirti Chakra . . . . .	65
Each bar to Kirti Chakra .	20
Shaurya Chakra . . . . .	40
Each bar to Shaurya Chakra .	16

In addition, various State Governments also make monetary and land awards for gallantry decorations.