

(b) The sale of 'Dufferin' was arranged through the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation, Calcutta, a Government of India Undertaking, which is the only authorised body to conduct the sale of Government vessels for the purpose of scrapping. The MSTC invited sealed tenders through advertisement released in various newspapers in the month of October, 1975.

(c) The names of the bidders who took part in the auction sale are as follows :

- (1) M/s. Marine Metal Corporation, Bombay.
- (2) "SAM" Re-rolling Industries, Howrah.
- (3) Maharashtra Shipbreakers, Bombay.
- (4) Universal Shipbreakers, Bombay.
- (5) Membsons Enterprises, Bombay.
- (6) M. Sarabhai and Sons, Bombay.
- (7) S. S. Jain and Co., Bombay-9.
- (8) Great Steel Corporation, Bombay.
- (9) Hindustan Ship Breakers, Bombay.

The "Dufferin" has been sold to M/s. Great Steel Corporation, Bombay who offered the highest price of Rs. 27.27 lakhs.

(b) The question of converting 'Dufferin' into a Maritime Museum was considered carefully and ultimately it was decided to scrap the Ship for reasons given under (a).

Bawana Depot of Delhi Transport Corporation

*369. SHRI N. K. BHATT : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that D.T.C. bus service to the rural areas, of Delhi, which are being served by the Bawana Sub-Depot of D.T.C. has further deteriorated in the absence of adequate water/workshop repair facilities in this Depot ;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the D.T.C. buses in this Depot are out-worn and unserviceable which results into frequent breakdowns and missing of trips ; and

(c) the number of new D.T.C. buses given or proposed to be given to this Depot with immediate effect ?

THE MINISTER FOR SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (DR. G. S. DHILLON) :
(a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) This depot is already having on its fleet 25 buses which are only one to two years old. It is proposed to add 16 new buses in this depot by the end of January, 1976.

Corruption in Calcutta Port

*370. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article regarding the condition of the Calcutta Port, which has appeared in the Statesman of 12th June, 1975 captioned "Port for private gain—corruption and chaos in Calcutta" ; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (DR. G. S. DHILLON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The article discusses mainly a report of the P.A.C. on Calcutta Port on which action was already being taken by the Port Trust in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee.

Erection of Equipment at Bokaro

*371. SHRI ROSHAN LAL :
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI :
DR. V. B. SINGH :
SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the total tonnage of equipment to be erected at Bokaro for the 4 M.T. capacity ; and