(b) On the assumption that the targets for 1974-75 world be achieved, the unutilised of buses have been diverted to the Ring installed capacity of the Bhilai, Durgapur Road so as to reduce traffic hazards in the and Rourkela Steel plants for this year populated areas. would be as under :--

Plant	Percentage of unutilised installed capacity	
	Ingot Steel	Saleable Steel
Bhilai Steel Plant	17	16
Durgapur Steel Plant 43		46
Rourkela Steel Pla	int 35	32

Bokaro Steel Plant is still under construction/erection and only a few of units have been commissioned so far.]

## Traffic congestion due to Mini Buses

## \*806. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI S. A. HASHMI: SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of permits have been issued for operating mini buses within the urban areas of the Union Territory of Delhi;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that by pressing into service a large number of small carrying capacity vehicles. Government have added to the traffic hazard on the main roads of the Capital;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that in no other metropolitan city, mini buses are operated as part of the public transport system; and
- (d) if so, what action Government propose to take to see that the mini buses are gradually withdrawn from operation in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI . KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) 176 permits have been granted for operation of mini buses in the Union Territory of Delhi.

- (b) No, Sir. In fact, a large number
- (c) Mini buses are plying in Calcutta also.
  - (d) Does not arise.

## Woollen Coats for Indian Army Personnel

- \*807. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration, to provide woollen coats to the Indian Army personnel as provided to the personnel of the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force;
  - (b) if so, by when will it be done;
- (c) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF **DEFENCE** (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Army Jawans are issued woollen shirts and woollen jerseys. In addition, where winter conditions warrant, they are issued woollen great coats.

## Sikh pilgrims from India visiting religious shrines in Pakistan

\*808. SHRI D. THENGARI: SHRI D. K. PATEL: SHRI SITARAM SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications were received by Government from the intending pilgrims to visit the holy shrines in Nankana Sahib in Pakistan in 1974;
- (b) if so, how many pilgrims were permitted to go: