

(d) if so, what targets have been fixed by Government this year for the purchase or procurement of wheat in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) State-wise targets for procurement of wheat have not been fixed.

Shortage of drinking water in Delhi

454. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to ensure adequate supply of drinking water during ensuing summer season in Delhi particularly in J. J. colonies;

(b) what are the short and long term plans to tide over the shortage of drinking water during summer; and

(c) by when these plans will materialise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Traffic load on the transportation in Delhi

455. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present fuel crisis has substantially increased the traffic load on the State-owned transport in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the inadequacy of transport capacity and improve operational efficiency in the capital;

(c) what is the number of trips missed daily by the Delhi Transport Corpora-

tion buses and what steps are being taken by Government to minimise such missing trips; and

(d) what is the utilisation percentage of the Delhi Transport Corporation fleet and what steps are being taken to improve it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. As a result of the curbs placed on the consumption of petrol and increase in its price, there has been some shift from personalised transport to public transport in the capital.

(b) The fleet of the Delhi Transport Corporation is being augmented. An order for the purchase of 425 new buses was placed during 1972-73. Out of this, 290 buses have already been added to the fleet. The remaining 135 buses are also expected to be received by the end of June, 1974. The Corporation further proposes to purchase 590 new buses, including 90 double-decker buses, during 1974-75.

Recently, the Corporation has started Green Line services with ten-minute frequency from the Central Secretariat to nine different localities in the Capital. These services provide quick change-over facilities. The Corporation is considering the question of increasing the frequency of these services further after some more new vehicles are received.

The Corporation has also decided to introduce feeder services to provide convenient Link services from and to the nodal points on the Green Line Bus Routes. This would enable a larger section of the people to travel by the Green Line Services.

In order to meet the transport requirements of the capital, the Corporation is also operating forty-five private mini buses on various routes under its control.

(c) and (d) During March, 1974 the average number of trips missed daily was 4907 and utilization of fleet was