

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) and (b) No; the cost of schemes relating to the improvement of civic amenities and community facilities in the Calcutta Metropolitan District Area being undertaken by the Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority is estimated at Rs. 344 crores. As per the latest figures, an outlay of Rs. 149 crores has been made for these schemes in the 4th plan period. The funds are being made available from the State Plan, market borrowings, receipts from • Octroi, central grant of bustee improvement, special central loan etc.

An outlay of Rs. 340 crores has been proposed for the CMDA's 5th Five Year Plan.

(c) No such instance has come to notice.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) An amount of Rs. 102.46 crores has been spent by the CMDA till the end of September, 1973. The CMDA started functioning in September 1970.

#### **Hijacking of Buses in Delhi**

182. SHRI SANDA NARAYANAP-PA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buses hijacked by the students of the University of Delhi since its reopening in July, upto the end of October, 1973;

(b) the number of buses which were completely burnt and the loss incurred by DTC on this account-and

(c) the reasons for those hijackings, and the remedial steps taken to redress the grievances of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) and (b) 53 buses were hijacked by the students of the colleges affi-

liated to the Delhi University during this period. Two buses were burnt resulting in a loss of about Rs. 83,000 to the Corporation.

(c) The ostensible reasons, as put forth by the students, were the irregular operation of particular trips, besides their demands for introduction of additional services and extension of existing ones. The D.T.C. has taken several steps to meet the genuine difficulties of the students. Special trips for students, apart from the shuttle services, were increased from 591 to 700 after the re-opening of the colleges in July, 1973. The number of special trips exclusively for girl students has also been increased from 28 to 71, this year. Senior ; have been deputed by the Corporation to attend promptly to genuine grievances, demands and suggestions received from the students. Liaison is also being maintained between the University and various college authorities.

#### **Scheme for Drinking Water in Rural and Tribal Areas of Madhya Pradesh**

183. SHRI M. B. SINGH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be given to Madhya Pradesh by the Central Government for implementation of the scheme for drinking water in rural and tribal areas during the next year; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) and (b) Water supply is a State sector programme and the State Governments themselves make provision for this scheme in their State Plans. The outlays in the V Plan and the annual plan for 1974-75 have not been finalised so far. However, an outlay of Rs. 586 lakhs has been proposed for rural water supply Schemes in Madhya Pradesh, under the Minimum Needs; if in 1974-75.