

**Investment in Vanaspati Industry**

166. SHRI P. N. BISI:  
SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total investment in the Vanaspati industry in the country;  
(b) the financial and other assistance given by Government to this industry during the last three years;  
(c) how many times the Vanaspati industry has been allowed to raise prices during the last two years and by what amount each time; and  
(d) whether Government propose to take over the management of the industry so that Vanaspati could be made available to the consumers at cheaper prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Estimated to be roughly around Rs. 35—40 crores.

(b) No financial assistance is being given to this industry. However, imported vegetable oils are being made available to the factories for supplementing indigenous supplies.

(c) Information about the number of times the prices of Vanaspati have been increased or reduced in the different zones during the last two years, and also during the current year (to date), and the amounts of such increase/reductions, is given in the attached statement. [See Appendix LXXXVT, Annexure No. 6.]

(d) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

**D.T.C. Bus Service**

167. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA:  
Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the D.T.C. bus service in the Union Territory of Delhi has deteriorated considerably;

(b) if so, what is the actual number of buses with D.T.C.; the number of buses that require replacement; and

(c) the steps taken to augment the fleet to improve the bus service in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As on the 5th November, 1973, the D.T.C. owns 1559 buses, out of which 339 require replacement.

(c) 300 additional buses are expected to be added to the fleet of D.T.C. during the current financial year. In the 5th Five-Year Plan period, it is proposed to add 400 additional buses per year. To meet the immediate existing traffic requirements of the citizens of Delhi more effectively, the Corporation also proposes to hire more private buses.

**Visit by Foreign Cultural Troupes**

168. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SANYAL:  
SHRI SUHRID MULLICK CHOWDHURY:  
SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM:  
SHRI SALIL KUMAR GAN-GULI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, "OCTAL WELFARE AND CULTURE" be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cultural troupes from European countries which visit India since 1970; and

(b) the names of the countries they represented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Nineteen.

- (b) 1. Bulgaria.  
2. Czechoslovakia.  
3. German Democratic Republic.  
4. Hungary.  
5. Poland.  
6. Romania,