

number of doctors. The present ratio is 1 nurse to 1.42 doctors. The existing number of nurses is considered adequate for maintaining the ratio of 1 nurse to 5 beds in hospitals and for meeting the requirements of Primary Health Centres and Family Planning work.

HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA

96. SHRI M. S. ABDUAL KHADER:
SHRI G. R. PATIL :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Historical Research is planning to bring about a new volume of books on the history and culture of India;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) the names of persons who are on the editorial board of this project; and

(d) how much money has been earmarked for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Historical Research is planning to bring out a 6-volume series on the History and Culture of India, two for each of the periods, Ancient, Medieval and Modern Indian History. The books will be translated into all the regional languages.

(c) The editorial board has not yet been constituted.

(d) The preparation and publication of the six volumes in all the languages is estimated to cost about Rs. 24 lakhs and will take about 3 years.

TRANSPORT IN DELHI

97. SHRIMATI SITA DEVI :
SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN :

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

(a) the extent to which Government

have been able to solve the transport problem in Delhi; and

(b) what further steps are being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Transport Corporation are taking all possible steps to meet the transport requirements of the citizens of the Union Territory of Delhi. However, it is possible that the frequency of bus services on certain routes and during certain hours are not adequate to meet the entire demand of the people served by those routes. Considerable improvement has been made in the bus services since 3rd November, 1971 when a statutory Road Transport Corporation was established to manage the city transport services. As against a fleet of 1366 buses on 31st October, 1971, out of which 352 were more than eight years old, the number of buses as on 31st March, 1973 increased to 1514, of which 400 are more than eight years old. The above number of 1514 is exclusive of 192 private buses under D.T.C. operation. The number of buses on road also increased from 1118 to 1373 during the period from 31d November, 1971 to 31st March, 1973. This has made it possible for the Corporation to operate 2648 additional trips daily.

In Delhi, most of the Government Offices and commercial establishments have practically the same opening and closing times. In order to meet the heavy rush of traffic, a large number of specials are being provided from the residential colonies in the mornings and from office complexes and market places in the evenings. At most of the important and busy stands, traffic supervisory staff of the Corporation is also posted to ensure smooth clearance of traffic. In case of inadequacy of buses on any particular route, additional buses are detailed through the Central Control Room, which is connected with wireless communication system and telephone lines. Proposals for improving the wireless communication system in the Delhi Transport Corporation are also under examination.