

STATEMENT

A number of steps have been taken since 3-11-1971, when the D. T. C. was formed, to streamline the working of the city transport service. Some of the important steps are as under :—

(1) The average daily number of buses on road rose from 1089 in September '71 to 1237 in January '72.

(2) Schedules have been readjusted to extract increased kilometrage from the existing fleet. The total kilometrage operated was 73.01 lakhs in January 1972 as against 58.95 lakhs in September, 1971.

(3) The number of missing trips has been reduced from 34.7% in September '71 to 19 % currently.

(4) Twentynine buses have been hired from the U. P. Government Roadways.

(5) Orders have already been placed for 294 additional buses (including 30 mini-buses) which will start coming by May, 1972.

(6) Special squads have been formed to detect cases of ticketless travel and other irregularities.

(7) Strict measures have been adopted to ensure stopping of buses at regular bus stops.

(8) Special arrangements have been made to clear buses at important termini/ changeover points.

(9) A Public Relations Officer has been appointed for handling public complaints expeditiously.

(10) Proper display of destinations in front of the buses and route numbers on the sides has been arranged.

PROGRESS OF SETHU SAMUDRAM PROJECT

*60. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Un-starred Question No. 92 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November 1971 and state the progress made so far in the Sethu Samudram Project ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : The financial and technical aspects of the project are still under examination in consultation with the various authorities concerned.

NATIONAL EMBLEM

29. SHRI M. M. SUR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to make the students aware of our National Emblem of lions figuring with the words "Satyameva Jayate" inscribed therein; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) and (b) Education being a state subject; Central Government has a limited role in this regard. The model text book on social studies produced by the N. C. E. R. T. has a lesson devoted to our national symbols. This book is prescribed for Central Schools and also in some States/Union Territories. The Govt. of India have established a National Fitness Corps. It has an integrated multi-purpose programme of physical education for adoption as a regular activity in the middle high and higher secondary schools. This programme includes familiarisation with the country's National Emblem as one of the activities. It is for the State Governments to popularise this programme.

The National Books Trust have also planned to produce a book on National Emblem in all Indian languages under the Nehru Children's Library series.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

30. SHRI M. M. SUR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of our school going children are not aware of the full text of our National Anthem nor are they able to sing the National Song in proper tune; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take so that all students may be able to sing the full text of the National Anthem in proper tune and in unison ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. D. P. YADAV) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

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(a) and (b) Though to study has been made on the subject, it is generally felt that while most of the school-going children would