

(b) what is the reason for not giving full aid to certain institutions in Gwalior;

(c) when the aid is proposed to be released; and

(d) what are the names of the institutions in Gwalior which have not received their full grants for 1963-64?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI JAGANATH RAO): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

AUCTION OF RICE IN MAHARASHTRA

*463. SHRI D. B. DESAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 19 in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th September, 1964 and state whether he is aware of the statement made by Minister of Food and Supply, Maharashtra State, during the last session of the Legislative Assembly to the effect that 'Central Government have auctioned some 30,000 bags of rice which are sold by the dealers in open market'?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): No, Sir. A reference has been made to the Government of Maharashtra to find out if the Minister of Food and Supply of that Government did actually make such a statement in the Legislative Assembly during its last session. A reply is awaited from that Government.

FAILURE OF D.T.U. IN IMPROVING BUS SERVICE

*464. SHRI G. M. MIR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Undertaking has failed to improve the local bus service in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Transport Undertaking has hired some private buses to strengthen its fleet of buses; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to ensure better transport service?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) to (c) A statement giving the information required is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The bus services provided by the Delhi Transport Undertaking have been found inadequate in certain sectors during the past few months, particularly during peak hours. The reason is stated to be that a number of vehicles of the Undertaking are held up in its workshop for repairs; and the delay in repairs is attributed to non-availability of essential spares and accessories.

2. The Undertaking proposes to add 72 more new buses to its fleet during the current financial year, including 55 single deck buses by the middle of November, 1964 and 17 double-deck buses thereafter. It has temporarily hired 50 buses of private operators with effect from the 15th July, 1964 to enable it to cope with the traffic requirements.

3. It is hoped that the traffic situation will become easier during the next two months.

STUDY ON CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

*465. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by his Ministry into the prevailing trend in the co-operative movement; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the study?