

SHORTAGE OF DELHI TRANSPORT UNDERTAKING BUSES

*685. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to make up the shortage of Delhi Transport Undertaking buses;

(b) how much time is likely to be taken to make up this shortage; and

(c) what is the number of Delhi Transport Undertaking buses at present plying in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):

(a) It is proposed to purchase new buses for the Delhi Transport Undertaking and to procure spare parts for carrying out repairs to the vehicles held up in the workshop.

(b) The shortage will be made good as soon as the new buses are purchased and the spare parts, for which an order has been placed, are received by the Undertaking.

(c) The average number of buses on road per day, at present, is 370.

BULLOCK DRAWN GENERATOR

*686. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eight bullock drawn generator designed by technicians from the United States of America and installed in Khanpur village near Delhi produces 4.5 K.W. of electricity; and

(b) whether Government experts have seen and examined the generator?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. K. DEY): (a) and (b). Government officials and experts have visited Khanpur Village. The generator is designed to

produce 4.5 K.W. power. The experiment is still in progress and the results are yet to be definitely evaluated.

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION TO CLERICAL AND ALLIED CADRES IN ORISSA CIRCLE

*687. SHRI BIBUDHENDRA MISRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any departmental examination was held in October, 1957 for promotion to the clerical and allied cadres in the Orissa circle and whether the admit-cards that were issued to the examinees by the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Cuttack, showed allotment of 2½ hours time for answering paper II;

(b) if so, whether the examinees were asked in the examination hall to submit the answer papers after 2 hours only instead of 2½ hours; and

(c) whether any complaint has been received in this connection from the National Federation of Posts and Telegraphs Employees; if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes; the examination was held in October, 1957 and the time allotted for paper II was inadvertently shown as 2½ hours instead of 2 hours in the admit-cards issued to the candidates.

(b) Yes; the time was correctly mentioned as 2 hours in the question paper II itself and the mistake in the admit-cards was brought to the notice of the examinees immediately after the commencement of the paper by the Supervising Officers in the examination hall.

(c) Yes; they were informed that since the usual time of 2 hours was

correctly mentioned in the question paper itself and the mistake in the admit cards was pointed out to the examinees in the examination hall, they could not have a genuine grievance on account of the inadvertent mistake.

KANDLA PORT

*688. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kandla Port is being utilised fully at present; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT Utilisation of Kandla Port

(a) No, Sir. On the basis of the traffic handled at the port of Kandla during the first four months of the current financial year, it is estimated that the traffic during the entire year will be of the order of 10 lakh tons against the port's optimum capacity of 12 lakh tons.

(b) The chief reason for the non-utilisation of the full capacity of the port is that it takes time for the reorientation of trade channels already established elsewhere.

-ORDERS PLACED WITH THE BHARAT ELECTRONICS (P) LTD.

◆689. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether the Ministry of Transport and Communications have recently placed any orders with the Bharat Electronics (P) Ltd? If so, of what value?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN): I lay on the Table of the Sabha a statement giving the required information. [See Appendix XXII, Annexure No. 63.]

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUB-POST OFFICE AT ALGARAH

*690. SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum has been received from the people of Algarah, near Kalimpong, demanding the establishment of a sub-post office there; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal to convert the existing extra departmental branch office at Algarah into a departmental sub office was examined but was not found justified according to departmental standards.

PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY TO SANT NAGAR IN SOUTH DELHI

'691. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have refused to provide electricity to Sant Nagar, a colony in South Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the reason for Government's refusal; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the colony is otherwise quite well developed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The layout plan of the colony was not approved by the Delhi Development (Provisional) Authority.

(c) No, Sir.

INTER-STATE TRANSPORT COMMISSION

* 692. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COM-