

this committee in any way delays work.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: No Member of Parliament is on this committee.

#### DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

\*35. SHRI SARDAR SINGH: Will the Minister for WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 10,000 unserviceable vehicles were declared surplus to the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals for disposal during the last two years; if so, what is the number of such vehicles actually disposed of during that period; and

(b) what expenditure was incurred in looking after unserviceable vehicles during the last two years?

THE MINISTER FOR WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH): (a) During the last two years, 12,471 unserviceable vehicles were declared to the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals for disposal and, out of these, 5,064 vehicles were disposed of during that period.

(b) Government did not incur any expenditure on looking after the unserviceable vehicles. Security staff already employed in each depot look after such vehicles.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH: What about the storage space? These unserviceable vehicles must have been stored somewhere and they must have taken up a great deal of storage space and Government must have had to incur expenditure on that?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: It is there, but most of these are stored in the open space. There is utilisation of open space; to that extent there will be that element, but I don't think that is of any considerable value.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH: Will the hon. Minister give me a definite assurance

that no expenditure has been incurred by the Government on these unserviceable vehicles which have not been disposed of?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I thought that a thing does not become definite by saying that it is definite. Whatever I have stated is correct.

SHRI SARDAR SINGH: I am sorry, but that does not answer my question. Does the hon. Minister say that no expenditure has been incurred? Is he definite about that?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I have said that the security staff already employed in each depot will look after such vehicles. Therefore whatever expenditure is being incurred on the pay and upkeep of these security arrangements—that is the amount that is being spent.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Are those vehicles un-repairable also?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Yes, I am afraid, otherwise they would not be declared as such.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: May I know where they are lying?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: They are lying all over the country at a number of places.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR: How many are lying at Dehu Road near Poona?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: I cannot make a guess but if he wants the exact information, he should table a separate question.

#### MINOR PROJECTS IN ANDHRA STATE

\*32. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA (on behalf of SHRI K. SURYA-NARAYANA): Will the Minister for PLANNING be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the