

Traffic jams in Najafgarh, New Delhi

*516. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are regular traffic jams in Najafgarh, New Delhi, and the situation has deteriorated during the last three years and Delhi Traffic Police is unable to regulate the flow of traffic effectively;

(b) if not, the actual status of traffic management, the efforts made to ensure smooth flow of traffic and result achieved during the last three years;

(c) the difficulty in making the traffic around Najafgarh into one way; and

(d) the long term efforts/plan of Government to ensure smooth flow of traffic, particularly in view of increasing vehicular traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU): (a) to (d) The traffic situation in Najafgarh has improved considerably in the last one year after installing "Jersey Barricades" to segregate cross movement of traffic on the circular road, commonly known as "Firni" road. Traffic police personnel have also been deployed at vulnerable points to ensure better traffic regulation. However, smooth flow of traffic is affected on festive days and during peak hours.

The Najafgarh area has grown tremendously from an old village hub to a huge business and trading centre having all kinds of big shops, showrooms, modern schools, posh hospitals, urbanized centres etc. Besides, the old mandies such as Sabzi Mandi, Anaj Mandi and Chara Mandi co-exist, which also results in overcrowding and congestion in the area, especially on the circular road. The commercial activities have increased manifold over the years.

There are six major intersections besides dozens of slip roads falling on the circular road. For making the entire circular road as 'One Way' for movement of traffic, all kinds of encroachments on the roads and pavements need to be cleared by the civic agencies, so that smooth traffic regulation can be ensured and the safety of road users is not compromised. There is also need for restricting the movement of slow moving vehicles on this stretch of road. A comprehensive proposal on traffic problems of Najafgarh and its solution have been prepared by Delhi Police and sent to the UTTIPEC/DDA to examine the matter for efficient traffic management in the area.

DTC bus service to connect girl's colleges with South Delhi

*517. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are no direct DTC bus services to

connect JMC and Maitreyi College for girls to South Delhi areas such as Vasant Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Munirka, etc. and students have to walk around two kilometers from Ring Road to their colleges;

(b) whether Government would take steps to introduce direct bus service to connect the above colleges to facilitate safe journey to girl students in view of increased rape/molestation cases;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and alternative measures that would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJIJU): (a) to (d) At present, no bus originates from JMC (Jesus and Marry College)/Maitreyi College Complex. However, the bus service of 17 routes with 195 buses is available from Bapu Dham Bus Stand at Sardar Patel Marg, which is located at a distance of around 500 meters from the aforesaid college Complex. The bus service of 32 routes with 540 buses is also available at Ring Road (Satya Niketan), which is approximately one kilometer from the aforesaid college Complex.

Keeping in view the transport problems of girl students residing in Vasant Kunj and its adjoining areas, DTC has decided to operate Special Bus Service exclusively for girls at 8.00 a.m. from Vasant Kunj *via* Nelson Mandela Marg, V.V. Depot, Malai mandir, Moti Bagh, Satya Niketan terminating at JMC/Maitreyi College complex with the return trip at 2.30 p.m. on the same route w.e.f. 11.08.2014.

Decline in Manufacturing Sector

*518. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of consistent decline in manufacturing sector, resulting in large scale unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for decline in manufacturing sector along with the review undertaken by Government in this regard and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether India's ranking in the performance of manufacturing sector is also on the decline as per the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government, including measures suggested by the Planning Commission to boost/improve manufacturing sector in the country?