

of functioning of two traffic blinker lights installed at Havelock Square (behind RML Hospital, near Gole Market) is as under:-

- (i) Blinker light at Havelock Square near Havelock School and N.P. Co-Ed. Sr. Secondary School between RML Red Light and GPO is functional. There is routine congestion during 'drop off' and 'pick up' time of children for which adequate traffic staff is deployed.
- (ii) Another blinker light, installed near Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gole Market at Kali Bari Marg Crossing which was earlier not functional has now been made functional through overhead cables.

Delhi Police has also reported that 7 Traffic Police personnel are deployed in the area to regulate the traffic.

Noise pollution by garbage vans in NDMC area

†1870. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the garbage van of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) causes noise pollution everyday by its ear-splitting announcements;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to find a better alternative to this ear-splitting announcement; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) to (c) NDMC is a body corporate which functions under the provisions of the New Delhi Municipal Council Act, 1994. The Central Government does not interfere in the day-to-day functioning of the NDMC. The New Delhi Municipal Council has intimated that the announcement is only to inform the people about the arrival of the garbage collection vehicles for door to door collection of garbage in NDMC area. It starts from 7.00 a.m. onwards and its decible noise is less than other vehicles and their horns on the road. The Ministry of Home Affairs has advised the NDMC to get the announcement decible level tested to look for any noise pollution and take necessary action accordingly.

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