

**Reply to the Notice Under Rule 324 raised by Smt. Asha Kumari
Hon'ble MLA Dalhousie.**

Notice

“HRTC is running a bus service on the route from Dalhousie to Bhunad and there is a bus plying on the private route permit from Chamba to Bhunad. The people of village Baggi have repeatedly requested to make these bus route via Baggi which a detour of 2 Kms. The route from Khairi to Baggi is tested for road fitness; Department of Transport/HRTC may kindly do the needful.”

Respected Speaker Sir,

In the matter raised by the Hon'ble Member, I would like to inform that the operation of stage carriage buses in the state is being ensured by the joint efforts of operators of government/private bus operators. At present, a total of three buses are being operated for Chamba-Dalhousie-Bhunad under Dalhousie Vidhan Sabha constituency, out of which two buses are being run by Himachal Road Transport Corporation and one by private operator.

Sir, when one travels from Dalhousie on the Dalhousie-Khairi-Bhunad Road, just one Kilometer short of Khairi, there is a diversion which leads to Baggi at a distance of two kilometers from the diversion point. This route comes under the National Hydel Power Corporation (NHPC) Chamba project area. According to the National Hydel Power Corporation, this road from Khairi to Baggi is used as a link road for commuting to the surge shaft.

Sir, I would also like to state that the road which is being mentioned here, has not been cleared by the Road Fitness Committee. Apart from this, no demand or application has been received from the local public, panchayat and any other section for bus operation in the Baggi area.

Sir, I want to inform in this context that as soon as this road is passed by the Road Fitness Committee, the Transport Department will take necessary action to operate the bus on the said road.
