

Revival of Dormant NAM

1406. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to
reactivise NAM; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SO-
LANKI): (a) and (b) The Foreign Ministers
of Non-aligned countries will be meeting in
Acera, Ghana from 4—7 September 1991 to
review the implementation of the Belgrade
Declaration and to consider new initiatives by
the Movement in the context of changes in the
international situation. India will be
participating in this Meeting and will make
her due contribution to reactivation of the
Non-aligned Movement.

Most Favoured Nations Status to China by U. S. A.

1407. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
DRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the recent press reports that the
U. S. A. has offered to accord the Most
Favoured Nations Status to China, provided it
terminated its exports of ballistic missiles to
Pakistan, Iran and Syria; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, have been
taken by Government to impress upon China
to desist from supplying the missiles to
Pakistan and others, in the light of the US
offer, and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SO-
LANKI): (a) The US President has decided to
renew Most Favoured Nation Status for
China, unconditionally for one year.

(b) Government have in discussion with
the Chinese Government, emphasis that the
supply of sophisticated arm and missiles to
Pakistan beyond its legitimate defence needs
poses a threat to India's security and is not
conducive to the maintenance of peace and
stability in South Asia. Government have
additionally stressed in these discussions the
need for avoidance of actions that do not
build mutual confidence and understanding
between India and China.

The Chinese Government have stated that
China takes a "very prudent attitude" with
regard to arms sales. The Chinese authorities
have confirmed the supply of "short range
tactical missiles" to Pakistan stating that in
their view this does not constitute a threat to
a third country.

Augmentation of DTC Fleet

1408. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
DRAKANT BHANDARE: DR.
RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the
DTC buses are ill-maintained; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to
augment the fleet and to improve the
condition of the buses during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDE-
PENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY
OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI
JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Sir.
However, overaged fleet to the extent of 40
per cent is affecting normal efficiency and
presentability of DTC-buses on line.

There is a provision of Rs. 43.25 crores for
the year 1991-92 for acquisition of buses on
'Replacement account'.

With a view to improve DTC services, following step-, are being taken by DTC :—

1. Maintenance of DTC vehicles as per the recommendations of Chassis Manufacturers.
2. Replacement of old buses by new boses.
3. Preventive maintenance schedules are being revised, keeping in view the technological improvement in vehicle dssign te achieve better vehicle productivity.
4. A few smoke meters are being added to strengthen the pollution control measures already taken by DTC.
5. The training programme for technical staff is being intensified to acquaint them with technological improvement in vehicle design ard their proper upkeep and maintenance in the Depots.

Entry for Indians in Kuwait

1409. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no head way has been made by Government in obtaining entry for the Indians to work in Kuwait after the Gulf War;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this failure;

(c) number of Indians who are in Kowiti; presentiy; and

(d) what efforts are being made to find way to obtain entry-permits and work permits for Indians in Kuwait; and the det; i - rhereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. Accord ing to information available approxima tely 25 000 Indian nationals have re turned to Kuwait. Taking into account

about 10,000 of Indian nationals who chose to remain in Kuwait during the Gulf crisis, the present number would be around 35,000.

(d) Close contact with Kuwait Go-vernment is being maintained at different levels to facilitate the return of Indian nationals to Kuwait.

Deshi Administration Subordinate Services

1410. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the officials of Delhi Ad-ministratation Subordinate Services cadre who joined the Services between the years 1977 and 1980 in the pay scale of Is. 425—700 have been promoted whereas Food Inspector of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Admini-staration who joined in the year 1977 have not been promoted;

(b) if so, whether after another few promotions, the above DASS cadre emp-loyees have the scope to reach the Delhi/ /Andaman Nicobar Services Cadre level and IAS level and have the chances to become the officers of Food Inspectors as Administrative Officers/Joint Director/ Director in the Department of PFA, Delhi although being their juniors;

(c) the action proposed by Government to create promotion avenues for Food Inspectors of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, parallel to the promotion avenues of DASS cadre employees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THH MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Administration has reported that officials of Delhi Administration Subordinate Services (DASS) cadre who joined service upto 15-2-1980 in the then pay scale of Rs. 425—700 (revised to Rs,