

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 imple-
mentation 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 re-
ports 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, emphasised
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 addi-
tionally stressed in these discussions the
need for avoidance of actions that do not
build mutual confidence and understand-
ing 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 MINIS-
TRY 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 acqui-
sition of buses on 'Replacement account'.

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

1. Maintenance of DTC vehicles as per the recommendations of Chassis Manufacturers.
2. Replacement of old buses by new ones.
3. preventive maintenance schedules are being revised, keeping in view the technological improvement in vehicle design to 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 and 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 headway 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 Kuwait presently; and

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

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

(b) and (c) Does not arise. According to information available approximately 25 000 Indian nationals have returned 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 Government is being maintained at different levels to facilitate the return of Indian nationals to Kuwait.

Delhi Administration Subordinate Services

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

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

(b) if so, whether after another few promotions, the above DASS cadre employees 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 THE 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.