

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'.