miscellaneous services "received from ex-Members of Parliament.

(d) With the new procedure it is planned that these applications will be disposed within five working days.

निती बसों के चलाये जाने से दिल्ली परि-वहन निगम को घाटा

269. श्री राम नरेश बादाः क्या जल-मूतः परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंग किः

(फ) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्लो परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों द्वारा को गई पिछली हड़ताल के दौरान तिजी बसें चलाने के लिए की गई व्यवस्था त्रभी भी चाल है:

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस व्यवस्था के कारण दिल्लो परिवहन निगम को वित्तीय नुकसान हो रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस व्यवस्था के अन्तर्गत प्रत्येः वस से प्रति माह कितना नुक्सान हो रहा है; और

(घ) इस व्यवस्था के कब त । बदले जाने को समावना है?

लब भूत्ल परित्रहन मंत्री तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री के० पी० उल्नीकृष्णन) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) दिल्लो परिवहन निगम प्राइवेट बसों के प्रचालन में वित्तीय रूप से संबद्घ नहीं है।

(ग) प्रक्रन नहीं उठता।

(घ) इस समय केन्द्र सरकार के सामने वर्तमान व्यवस्था में किसंग्रकार का परिवर्तन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Opening of Branch Office of Pakistan Embassy at Bombay

270. SHR1 SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ba pleased to state:

to Questions

(a) whether Government propose to persuade the Pakistan Government to open a branch of Pakistan Embassy at Bombay to cater the visa needs of Indian citizens; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTER-NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Government have no objection to the Pakistan Government opening a Consulate General in Bombay. The decision in regard to timing rests with the Government of Pakistan.

## Improving the South-South Cooperation

271. PROF. C. LAKSHMAN-NA: Will the Minister of EXTER-NAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific steps are being taken to improve South-South Cooperation to defuse the regional tensions in the world;

(b) what role Government envisage for SAARC in the South-South Cooperation; and

(c) what new initiatives have been taken up by India to enlarge the scope of SAARC movement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTER-NAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) South-South Cooperation is an instrument for accelerating development, for promoting collective self-reliance of the developing countries in tha economic fields and for enhancing their bargaining position in the North-South dialogue. In certain circumstances, it can also help in defusing regional