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 चलायें जाने से दिल्ली परि-वहर निवम को घाटा

269. श्री राम नरेश बादा: क्या जल-मृतः परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कपा करेंग कि:

- (फ) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के वर्षचारियों द्वारा की गई पिछली हड़ताल के दौरान निजी बसें चलाने के लिए की गई व्यवस्था श्रभी भी चालू है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इस ब्यवस्था के कारण दिल्लो परिवहन निगम को वित्तीय नकसान हो रहा है:
- (ग) यदि हां, तो इस व्यवस्था के अन्तर्गत प्रत्ये । बस से प्रति माह कितना नुक्सान हो रहा है; श्रीर
- (घ) इस व्यवस्था के कब तक बदले जाने की समावना है?

जब भूतल परित्रहन मंत्री तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री कें पोर्व उन्नीक व्यान) : (क) जी हां।

- (ख) दिल्ला परिवहन निगम प्राइवेट बसों के प्रचालन में वित्तीय संबद्ध नहीं है।
 - (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठना।
- (घ) इस समय केन्द्र सरकार के सामने वर्तमान व्यवस्था मे किसी प्रकार का परिवर्तन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Opening of Branch Office of Pakistan Embassy at Bombay

270. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (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 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-**AFFAIRS** (SHRI NAL GUJRAL): (a) South-South Cooperation is an instrument for accelerating development, for promoting collective self-reliance of the developcountries in the economic fields and for enhancing their bargaining position in the North-South dialogue. In cartain circumstances, it can also help in defusing regional