

RAJYA SABHA .

*Wednesday, the 9th August, 1989 | 18th
Sravana, 1911 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the .
clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

HOMAGE TO MARTYRS OF 'QUIT INDIA' MOVEMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members,
9th August, that is today is a very-
historic and momentous day in the
freedom struggle of our country. It
was on this day in 1942, that Mahatma
Gandhi Father of the Nation, gave the
call "Quit India" to the British Gov-
ernment. The whole nation respond-
ed to the call of Gandhiji and parti-
cipated in the movement with single-
minded commitment and dedication,
which culminated in our achieving in-
dependence five years later. Today is
the day of thanks-giving and dedica-
tion, a day of remembrance and re-
Tence. We pay our humble- and
peciful homage to all those mart-
rs who gave their lives and to ail
ose who suffered untold sufferings
for the cause of Independence. I
would request Members to rise in
their places and observe silence as a
mark of respect to the memory of the
martyrs and freedom fighters.

*[Hon. Members then stood in silence
for one minute.]*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Ben-
gal) : What about Bharat *bachhhao*
day?

HOMAGE TO ATOM BOMB VIC- TIMS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

MR. CHAIRMAN; Hon. Members, I
also refer to the holocaust that shook
mankind the world over 44 years
ago. The dreaded atom bomb was
dropped on the cities of Hiroshima-
and Nagasaki in Japan on the 6th^{and}
9th August, 1945, killing and maiming

lakhs of innocent people and leaving
behind a trail of suffering, misery and
destruction. I pray these tragic in-
cidents will never be repeated again
and I would request hon. Members to
rise in their places and observe silence
as a mark of respect to the memory
of the bomb victims.

*[Hon. Members then stood in silence
for one minute.]*

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Steamer Service between Bombay and
Goa

*321. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of SURFACE
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
resume Bombay-Goa steamer service;

(b) if not, whether Governmet'
propose to permit ^{private} operatoi
to ply 'steamers on this route; and

(c) whether any applications have
been received by Government for
licence for ships/hovercraft/hydrofoil
to ply on this route and if so, the
number thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE
TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH
PILOT); (a) and (b) Government
have no proposal to resume the stea-
mer service. Their policy is to en-
courage private operators to ply on
the route.

(c) Four amplication,, were received

' SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Sir,
I- understand that these two steamers
which were plying between Bombay
and Goa "Konkan* Shakti" and "Kon-
kan Shevak" are on a special mission
in national interest. But I would like
the hon. Minister to reconsider his
l proposal and see that when this mis-
sion is over, the steamers are put back
I on this route