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| 12.       | SHRI J.R.D. Tata  | Non-<br>Official<br>Director |   |                              |
| 13.       | Shri Zain G.<br>Rangoonwala                               | "                            |   |                              |

#### Disturbance in Southern Sea Waters

1275. SHRI N DENNIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state .

(a) the steps taken by Government to intensify the activities of the Coast Guards in view of the prevailing disturbed circumstances in our Southern sea waters ; and

(b) if so, the details thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) and (b). With a view to providing full protection to our fishermen inside India's own maritime zone, Government have strengthened its Coast Guard and Naval presence in the Palk Strait and organised regular patrolling in the area. From last month, additional air surveillance has also been introduced.

Statement of Sri Lankan Prime Minister  
against Political Solution of the  
Ethnic Problems

1276. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of Sri Lankan Prime Minister made in an interview with the State-run television broadcast on February 22-23, 1985 night to the effect that the call for a political solution to the Tamil ethnic problems is very unfair and not practicable in the given situation; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Government have seen reports appearing in a section of the press. about Sri Lankan Prime Minister's interview to the Singapore Television on 22nd February.

(b) Government of India continues to believe that the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka can only be solved through a peaceful negotiated settlement acceptable to all concerned.

Padayatra Undertaken by ISCON

1277. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :