[English]

Ban on Communal Organisations

7275. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the communal organisations and parties in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and strategy of Government to curb the everincreasing communalism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c). So far no definition in regard to communal organisations has been evolved. The right to form an association for any lawful purpose is protected by the Constitution. Unless the activities of an association or organisation are contrary to or transgress public order or morality, restrictions cannot be imposed on any organisation. The State Governments have taken recourse from time to time to banning such organisations as have posed a threat to 'Public Order' and 'Communal Harmony' under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1908, as amended from time to time and under Section 3(1) of the Unlawful activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

SCI Services with other Countries

7276. SHRIK.S. RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which the Shipping Corporation of India is having its regular and adhoc shipping services at present;

(b) whether Government have recently

asked the Shipping Corporation of India to start regular liner services to some other countries from India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRAISHNAN): (a) Details of countries with which Shipping Corporation of India has regular *ad hoc* liner shipping services at present are given in the Statement below

(b) No, Sir. However, the Government is interested in encouraging the private owned shipping companies or enterpreneurs to operate passenger-cum-cargo vessels on Coastal Routes, if concrete proposals emerge.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Details of Countries with which Shipping Corporation of India has regular and ad hoc liner shipping service at present.

Adjacent Countries:

Bangladesh, Iraq, Jordan and Sri Lanka.

Africa/Indian Ocean Region:

Arab Republic of Egypt, Kenya, Mozambique, Malawi (land locked Country-nearest port Beira), Mauritius, Madagascar, Re-Union Island, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda (land locked country-nearest prt Mombasa), Zaire (land locked Country-nearest port Dar-Es Salaam Or Beira) and Zambia (land locked Country-nearest port Dar-Es Salaam).

Eastern Europe:

Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia (land locked Country served through Gdansk in Poland), German Democratic Republic, Hungary (land