Strengthening the efficacy of the XVL United Nations in the promotion and preservation of international peace and security and in equitable international cooperation and the enhancement of the pivotal role of non-aligned countries in the United Nations system.

XVII. Co-operation among non-aligned and other developing countries in the field of information and concerted action by them directed towards the establishment of a new, more just and effective world information and communication order

XVIII. Further gatherings of non-aligned countries including the date and venue of the Eighth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-aligned Countries.

- XIX Composition of the Coordinating Bureau,
- XX. Other matters.

Development of Major Ports

*278. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the meeting of Port Chairman it was suggested to set up a working group for formulating the broad strategy for development of major ports;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) what are the other suggestions made in the meeting for the development of ports for greater efficiency; and

(d) action taken by the Government to implement these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) and (b). The Planning Commission have consituted

a Woaking Group for preparing proposals for the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) for the Ports Sector. The first meeting of the Working Group to formulate broad strategy for development of major ports was held on 2 February, 1983. The Port Chairman also attended this meeting as special invitees.

(c) The main suggestions made at the Port Chairmens' Conference for achieving greater efficiency were as follows:-

(i) The progress of Port Projects should be closely monitored to ensure timely completion.

(ii) The ports which do not have night navigation facilities should instal such facilities on priority basis.

(iii) Steps be taken to improve the utilisation of equipment.

(iv) The productivity of labour (both port and dock workers) as well as that of the mechanised handling systems should be improved.

(v) The non-working time spent by the vessels at ports should be reduced.

(d) The Chairman would Port be taking necessary action on the above suggestions.

Policy to open Central Government. Hospitals in the Country

*280. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to open Central Government hospitals in the country;

(b) are these only meant for the Central Government employees or for general public also;

(c) whether Government are aware that the health services in tribal areas of the country are comparatively less than the other developed areas and the measures taken by the States to provide better services out of their State outlays are not adequate;

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