fixed for 1961. Accordingly, contracts for 1962 shipments were given to member lines of the Conference as well as to three lines outside the Conference, *viz.* Surrendra Overseas Ltd., Shipping Corporation of India and Ratnakar Shipping Company.

Repayment of Loan by Jammu and Kashmir Government

*486. SHRI GHULAM MOHA-MAD BAKHSHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of loan repaid by the Jammu and Kashmir Government since March, 1964 to the end of October, 1967; and

(b) the amount of interest paid thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF-FAIRS (SHRI Y, B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). According to information furnished by the Accountant General, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir repaid the following amounts to the Government of India during the period March, 1964 to October, 1967 :--

(i)	Principal	Rs.	18,42,61,791
(ii)	Interest	Rs.	5,26,19 ,574

LACCADIVE ISLANDS

*487. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since the Central Government took over the administration of Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands, there has been no increase in the *per capita* income, no development of industries and agriculture; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No Sir. Since these Islands were constituted into a Union Territory in 1956, considerable progress has been made in various spheres of development, including agriculture and industry, and the *per capita* income is estimated to have gone up from Rs. 90.14 in 1956 to Rs. 223.98 in 1966.

(b) Does not arise.

आसाम, नागालेंड ब्रौर पश्चिम बंगाल में राजनीतिक वर्लों की राष्ट्रविरोधी कार्यवाहियां

*489. अी शिवकुमार शास्त्री : डा० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी : श्री रामावतार शर्मा : श्री रामजी राम : श्री प्राकशवीर शास्त्री : श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री :

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बतानें की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रासाम, नागालैण्ड तथा परिचम बंगाल के कुछ राजनीतिज्ञों तथा राजनैतिक संगठनों ने उन क्षेत्रों के सशस्त्र विद्रोहियों के साथ खुले-ग्राम वार्ता ग्रारम्भ कर दी है; ग्रौर

(ख) क्या सरकार नें इस बात का पता लगानें का प्रयत्न किया है कि इन घमकियों के पीछे कहीं कोई विदेशी शक्ति तो काम नहीं कर रही है ?

पृह-कार्य मंत्री (श्री यसवंत राव चव्हाण) : (क) भौर(ख). सरकार को ग्रासाम, नागा-लैंड ग्रथवा परिचम बंगाल के कुछ राजनीतिज्ञों ग्रौर राजनैतिक संगठनों तथा सशस्त्र विद्वोहियों के बीच होने वाली किसी वार्ता के बारे में पता नहीं है। हां, सरकार को नागा ग्रौर मिचो विद्रोहियों के कुछ विदेशों से सम्बन्धों का पता है।

DEMAND FOR KONKAN STATE

*490. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a demand for a separate Konkan State has been made by the concerned people; and