

It might be noted that the Indian member lines were able to resist a similar move in the East Coast of India/USA Conference.

Subsequently, the Shipping Corporation started from 15-7-1976 a fast round-the-world cargo service in the interest of the Indian trade and with a view to covering the areas catered by the West Coast of India/USA Conference. The Service catered the West Coast of India, via Suze to US Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Ports. Panama, then to Ports in South East Asia and Singapore. It collected its basic cargo from Singapore.

In spite of appeal issued by the Ministry of Commerce to the Indian shippers to patronise only the Indian lines and the freight rates of the Service being kept lower than the conference rates, the Service did not attract adequate cargo and ran into losses. The loss during the period April, 1977 to January, 1978 was Rs. 4.83 crores. The Service was, therefore, discontinued from 1-1-1978.

The Shipping Corporation had taken a business decision in operating the Service. The question of an inquiry into a matter like this does not, therefore, arise.

**Bus Service from Janakpuri to I.T.O. Complex**

599. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no regular direct D.T.C. bus service from Janakpuri to ITO complex;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the residents and the associations of Janakpuri have asked for introduction of a regular bus service from Janakpuri to ITO complex and *vice-versa*;

(c) if so, when the DTC bus service is going to be started; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the DTC.

(d) Two high frequency routes are operating in addition to a number of office trips between Janakpuri and Central Sectt. From Central Sectt. 13 routes are operating for I.T.O. There is no difficulty for commuters to reach I.T.O. with one change at Central Sectt. which is an important change-over point in the net-work of DTC services. It is not possible for the Corporation to connect all localities of the city with each other by direct services and the route pattern does provide for convenient change-over facilities at important nodal points.

**Long Wave Broadcasting**

600. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal with Government to go in for long wave broadcasting; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal to start Long Wave Broadcasting in India. Such a proposal can be considered only if the long wave band is allocated to broadcasting service in Region III (Asia and Pacific countries) by the International Telecommunication Union.