

### Taking Over Of Foreign Banks

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SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA

Will the (MINISTER OF FINANCE)  
(VITTA MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether the All India Bank Employees Association has demanded taking over of foreign Banks in the country, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE  
(VITTA MANTRI) (SHRI YLSHWANTI-  
RAO CHAVAN) (a) The All India Bank Employees Association has adopted a resolution to this effect

(b) The reasons for not nationalising the foreign banks have been indicated to Parliament on more than one occasion. There is no change in the Government's stand in this regard.

### Concessions to Backward Christian Community

†149. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN  
Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to provide to the backward Christian Community those concessions which the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are enjoying,

(b) whether the Karala Government had recommended for the same to the Government of India; and

(c) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHIKSHA AUR SAMAJ KALYAN MANTRI AUR SANSKRITI VIBHAG MANTRI) (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) (a) and (c) The whole question as well as the manner of dealing with it are under the consideration of the Government.

(b). Yes, Sir.

### Increase In The Shipping Freight Rates On India U K - Europe Route

†150. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA  
Will the MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (NAUWAHAN AUR PARIVAHAN MANTRI) be pleased to state

(a) whether Shipping freight rates on India-U K —Europe route have recently been increased once again,

(b) to what extent this will add to the country's foreign exchange bill annually and

(c) the steps, if any, being taken to overcome India's dependence on foreign shippers in the matter of freight rates ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SANSADIA KARYA VITHA NAUWAHAN AUR PARIVAHAN MANTRI) (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR)

(a) No, Sir. But the India-U K / Continent Conference have given notice of their intention to effect a 15% general increase in the freight rates with effect from 16 1971.

(b) It will be difficult to work this out precisely. On an approximate basis the additional outgo of foreign exchange may be about Rs. 3 crores per year, if this increase of 15% comes into force.