

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) The reason for their departure, as stated by them, was the political situation in the country.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 16).

(d) The Czech authorities have been requested to provide replacements.]

SUPPLY OF PATTON TANKS TO PAKISTAN
BY U.S.A.

*116. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA
REDDY :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the proposed fresh supply of Patton Tanks to Pakistan by the Government of U.S.A. ;

(b) whether the Government of India have taken steps to verify the truth of the matter ; and

(c) what are the reactions of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Further accretion to Pakistan's armed strength especially in the light of repeated aggressions committed by Pakistan since 1947 will only accentuate belicosity of Pakistan and diminish prospects of peaceful settlement of differences between India and Pakistan.

DENIAL OF GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS TO NEWSPAPERS CARRYING ON COMMUNAL PROPAGANDA

*117. SARDAR NARINDAR SINGH BRAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of newspapers carrying on communal propaganda who have been denied

advertisement by the Central Government during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : The number of newspapers not being used by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity for Central Government advertisement in keeping with the established policy of the Government is now twenty-six. Action in such cases is taken after due assessment of the conduct of newspapers in regard to scurrilous, obscene, communal and other objectionable writings. Decisions regarding the above papers have been taken from time to time since 1960 onwards. It is not in public interest to disclose the names of these papers.

AYUB'S OFFER OF NO WAR PACT

*118. SHRI K. SUNDARAM :

DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR :

SHRI BANKA BEHARY
DAS :

SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported offer of a no war pact by President Ayub Khan ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Government have seen reports of President Ayub's speech delivered on October 26, in the course of which while criticising India on various matters, he is reported to have referred to India's offer of a 'no war pact' and stated that he would be willing to have such a pact provided it was accompanied by another pact which would define the machinery for solving problems that exist at present or may arise in future between the two countries. It may be recalled that President Ayub Khan had in a broadcast to the Nation on September 1, rejected Prime Minister's offer of a no war pact made on August 15, 1968.

†[] English translation.