

**EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON GOVERNMENT
ADVERTISEMENTS**

461. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on Government advertisements during the last 10 years and the amount given to the newspapers having a circulation of more than 50,000 copies; and less than 20,000 copies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : Rs. 5,19,21,335, during the 10 years ending 31st March 1967.

Statistics regarding advertisements released and amounts paid therefor to newspapers are available only for the last 5 years in the circulation categories of over 50,000, 10,000 to 50,000 and below 10,000. The amounts paid to the above categories of newspapers during the 5 years ending 31st March, 1967, are given below:—

<i>Circulation range</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	Rs.
Over 50,000	1,69,59,517
10,000 to 50,000	53,14,008
Below 10,000	92,93,212

Statistics in respect of newspapers with circulation up to 20,000 copies are not separately compiled as such compilations will take a great deal of time and expenditure to do so.

**U THANT'S PROPOSAL TO HOLD
FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS**

462. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the reaction of India to a proposal by U.N. Secretary General, U Thant, that the Security Council should periodically hold close-door meetings at Foreign Ministers' level to deal with major world problems?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : The proposal has not yet been discussed by the Security Council and the Government of India

have not therefore expressed any views on it.

**INDIAN PUBLICITY ABROAD ON
KASHMIR**

463. SHRI N. R. MUNISWAMY . Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government gave sufficient factual materials to the Indian Missions abroad on Kashmir and other Indo-Pakistani issues; and

(b) if so, how are they being circulated to the foreigners and what is the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is circulated by our Missions in the form of Press releases, pamphlets, documents etc. to members of the foreign Press, foreign Government officials, legislators, public men etc. We are not aware of the reaction of the Pakistan Government.

**APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED AUDITOR
GENERAL AS THE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE
ON BROADCASTING AND INFORMATION
MEDIA**

464. SHRI KRISHAN KANT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenses incurred in connection with the appointment of Shri A. K. Chanda, retired Comptroller and Auditor General, to head the Committee on Broadcasting and Information Media; and

(b) whether the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply, the Ministry of Law and the Office of the Auditor General, objected to the provision of free Government residential accommodation to a retired Comptroller and Auditor General?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Shri A. K. Chanda served as Chairman of the Committee on