

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (डा०
डी० एस० राजू): (क) से (घ) आवश्यक
सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा के
पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. D. S. RAJU):
(a) to (d) The necessary information is being
collected and will be laid on the Table of the
House.]

OFFICERS OF EXTERNAL PUBLICITY

764. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister
of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a
discontentment among the officers of the
Information Service of India of the Ex
ternal Publicity with regard to their pay-
scales;

(b) if so, whether a deputation of
Information Service of India Association
called on the Minister of External Affairs
in this connection; and

(c) what action Government propose to
take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SARDAR SWARAN SINGH>: ia) ISI
officers of the Ministry of External Affairs
have represented on certain points regarding
the terms and conditions which govern their
employment, including their pay-scales.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

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CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED SMUGGLING INTO INDIA, OF
CHINESE PROPAGANDA LITERATURE THROUGH
CEYLON

SHRI A. D. MANI (Madhya Pradesh):
Madam, may I, with your permission, call

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the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs
to the reported smuggling into India of
Chinese propaganda literature through Ceylon
for dissemination, particularly during the
recent mid-term elections in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI
IAISUKHLAL HATHI): Madam, it has come to
the notice of the Government of India that
efforts are being made from Peking and from
pro-Peking sources to send anti-Indian
literature to India by various insidious means.
In an attempt to elude detection by the
Customs and Postal authorities, such literature
is sometimes mailed from various foreign
countries. The Government have not come
across any large-scale inflow of such literature
into Kerala from Ceylon, though some
pamphlets are reported to have come in.

I may assure the Members that constant
vigil is being maintained in the matter and
appropriate action is being taken under the
law whenever necessary.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The Times of Ceylon, of
10th March, published a news item quoting
Customs sources as saying that Ceylon is the
main dissemination centre for Chinese
communist propaganda literature pumped into
India, particularly Kerala, and the
neighbouring South-eastern countries. Has the
Government made any enquiries from the
India High Commissioner whether this is true,
particularly since Customs sources have been
quoted by the newspaper?

SHRI IAISUKHLAL HATHI: One pamphlet
was found to have come to Kerala which was
from Ceylon. But the External Affairs
Ministry took up the question with the Ceylon
Government and they said that they would not
allow China or any other country to make
Ceylon as a base for any agitation against
India.

SHRI A. D. MANI: The paper, the Ceylon
Times again, quoted a mail-room official as
saying that some of the Literature is printed in
Ceylon in languages other than English
namely, Malayalam and Tamil. Has the
Government made any