

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में उमंत्रो (डा० डी० एस० राजू): (क) से (घ) आवश्यक सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मभा 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 External 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): (a) 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

‡[] English translation.

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 JAISUKHLAL 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 JAISUKHLAL 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