

from published literature that around the time of the Pokharan nuclear explosion, both the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. had in orbit satellites whose orbital characteristics were such that they could be reconnaissance type spacecraft. There is no information that these satellites were launched specifically to observe Pokharan and whether observations were made.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. In the absence of any definite information the question of making any protest did not arise.

**Names of Journalists who accompanied P. M. on Foreign Tour**

8535 SHRI K. MALLANNA:  
SHRI P. VENKATA-  
SUBBAIAH.

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the journalists who accompanied the Prime Minister during his visit to Belgium, United Kingdom and USA;

(b) who paid for their airfare and other expenses;

(c) on what basis were they selected;

(d) how many of them were working journalists and how many were owners or proprietors of news papers;

(e) the total expenditure incurred by Government for them; and

(f) how many of them had cable authority and how many and how much use they made of the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (f). A statement is attached.

**Statement**

Pressmen who accompanied the Prime Minister

S. No.	Name	Organisation	Status
1.	Shri D V. Gandhi	Samachar Bharati (Hindi News Agency)	Chief Editor
2.	Shri B P. Agarwal	Hindustan Samachar (Hindi News Agency)	General Manager
3.	Shri Chandulal Chandrakar	Hindustan (Hindi)	Editor
4.	Shri Shantilal Shah	Gujarat Samachar (Gujarati)	Editor
5.	Shri V. K. Madhavan Kutty	Matrubhoomi (Malayalam)	Correspondent
6.	Shri D.K. Joshi	Samaj, Cuttack (Oriya)	Correspondent
7.	Shri N.G. Rajkhowa	Dainik Assam (Assamese)	Correspondent
8.	Shri N Rama Mohan Rao	Andhra Jyoti (Telugu)	Editor
9.	Shri Hiranmay Karlekar	Hindustan Times (English)	Chief Editor
10.	Shri Viswa Bandhu Gupta	Sun (English)	Editor
11.	Shri Nirendra Mohan	UNI (English News Agency)	Correspondent
12.	Shri Barun Sen Gupta	Anand Bazar Patrika, Calcutta, (already in New York)	Correspondent
13.	Shri M. S. Madhusodhanan	Kerala Kaumudi (Malayalam)	Chief Editor
14.	Shri Puran Singh Azad	National Solidarity (English)	Editor
15.	Shri Durga Prasad Chaudhury	Nav Jyoti, Jaipur (Hindi)	Editor

Those at Sl. Nos. 1 to 8 were paid one-way air-fare from New Delhi to New York in accordance with the Government's decision to provide some financial assistance to language newspapers/agencies. The expenditure in this regard borne by Government amounted to Rs. 59,336.00. The return fare and other expenses were met by the persons/organisations concerned.

Those at Sl. Nos. 9 to 15, went on their own.

The criteria of selection of newspapers at Sl. Nos. 3 to 8 was to give representation to the second highest circulated papers in languages and the inclusion of such highest circulated newspapers in the languages that could not be covered during the earlier Moscow visit of the Prime Minister. The two language agencies (at Sl. Nos. 1 and 2) were represented as such.

The journalistic status of the members of the Party representing newspapers is self-evident from the table on the previous page. As regards ownership/ proprietorship, so far as the newspapers, whose representatives were included in the party are concerned, those indicated against Sl. Nos. 10 and 14 are respectively also one of the partners and owner whereas, in the case of other newspapers, the management is run by public/private limited companies or registered societies or other individuals.

Also all of them had cable authority except those at Sl. Nos. 7 and 12. As regards utilisation of the cable authority, it may be clarified that as representatives of a free Press, they were under no obligation to fulfil any targets of coverage. However, the Government have seen the coverage, professional evaluation of which has been done by the Press Information Bureau, and have no reason to feel disappointed.

**Sending of Official to U.S.A. For Advance Management Course**

3536. SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an officer from the Ministry of Defence Production, who is due to retire in April, 1979 has been sent for advance management course in USA for a period of 5 months;

(b) what useful purpose is likely to be served by such person's advanced training who likely to retire soon or in a year or two; and

(c) whether Government would on the basis of the above instance, review their policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) to (c) The Director General of Inspection, and officer under the Department of Defence Production, was deputed to the Senior International Defence Management Course in USA. The Course was only of 4 weeks' duration. Since the officer is holding the rank of Maj. General, he can be considered for continuance in service upto the age of 56 years which in effect means that he could be considered for retirement on 30th April 1980. Thus, he is likely to serve the Organisation for a period of more than one year and nine months. All factors are duly taken into consideration before deputing an officer for training. There is, therefore, no need of reviewing the policy in this regard.

**Closure of Jaipur Udyog Limited**

3537. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that due to closures of Jaipur Udyog Ltd. there was a huge financial misappropriation and 6000 workmen suffered;

(b) is it a fact that M/s. Sahu Jain group is putting a lot of pressure on Government to get back its complete control; and

(c) if it is so, the detail thereof