

[English]

**Sino-Indian Ties**

10278. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken steps to establish better Sino-Indian ties;

(b) if so, whether any official level talk is proposed to be held to improve ties between both countries; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c). Yes,

Sir. It is Government's intention to continue, and impart further momentum to, the process of improvement of relations between India and China. The dialogue at the leadership level has been strengthened following the recent visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Qian Qichen, to India, and that of the Deputy Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister, Shri Devi Lal, to China.

The official-level Joint Working Group which has been set up in order to negotiate a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question will hold its next meeting in the second half of 1990.

[Translation]

**Hoarding sites approved by MCD**

10279. SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hoarding sites approved by Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether the approved sites are allot-

ted through auction;

(c) if so, the revenue earned during the last three years therefrom, yearwise alongwith the reasons for decline, if any, in the revenue;

(d) the number and details of agencies registered by MCD for display of hoardings;

(e) whether thousands of hoardings have been displayed at unapproved sites;

(f) if so, the remedial action taken in this regard;

(g) the number of registered agencies which were black-listed earlier alongwith the reasons for their registration again;

(h) the details of amount outstanding against such agencies and since when and the action taken by Government to recover the arrears;

(i) whether the contract for hoardings in electric poles has given to any particular firm without auction; and

(j) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (j). Municipal Corporation of Delhi approved 1,018 hoarding sites which were allotted through auction. The revenue earned from these hoardings during the last three years is as under:

	(Rupees)
1987-88	3.18 crores
1988-89	3.23 crores
1989-90	3.27 crores