

paganda is countered through news bulletins and news commentaries. No opportunity is missed to expose the hollowness of Chinese propaganda.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD

\*278. SHRI J. B. SINGH :  
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN :  
SHRI S. M. JOSHI :  
SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a senior official visited India's Missions abroad to study their cost of maintenance;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to make the report public; and

(d) the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) A Team of Foreign Service Inspectors—a Joint Secretary, each, from the Ministries of External Affairs and Finance inspected certain Indian Missions in 1966-67.

(b) to (d). The Reports of the Team are under Government's consideration and necessary action will be taken. The House will appreciate that it is neither the practice nor possible to publish such internal reports.

#### HIGH POWER TRANSMITTERS FOR JAMMU AND SRINAGAR

\*279. SHRI GULAM MOHAMMAD BAKSHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the two broadcasting stations in Jammu and Srinagar are powerful enough as to disseminate news through their broadcasts to the far-flung areas and whether the present arrangements are adequate enough so as to counter adverse propaganda of our two adversaries in the border areas; and

(b) if not, whether any steps are proposed to be taken to improve them ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) and (b). The short wave transmitter at Srinagar is able to provide service to the entire State. The service from the medium wave transmitter at Srinagar covers the Kashmir Valley and at night time extends over most of the areas in Kashmir including the border areas. Because of the highly mountainous terrain there are, however, bound to be some pockets of unsatisfactory reception. The power of the existing transmitters at Jammu is inadequate and action is being taken to instal a high power transmitter there which, besides improving the service to the State as a whole, will also serve the border areas in this region.

#### PAK. CONCENTRATION ON INDIA'S BORDERS

\*280. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Government are distributing arms in large numbers to the civilian population in the border areas and training the border people in guerilla warfare;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Pakistan authorities have smuggled large number of young and educated girls for the purpose of spying into India through Jammu and Kashmir border; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Government are aware that Pakistan has issued arms and ammunition in some border villages.

(b) Some Pakistani spies do try to operate in J & K with a view to giving information to Pakistan, but no instances of the type referred to have come to notice.

(c) All activities across the border having a bearing on our security are carefully watched and appropriate measures are taken on our side.