

Registrar of Newspapers for India which will be laid on the table of the House shortly.

(b) No financial assistance is given to newspapers by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. But facilities are provided by way of hand-outs, supply of publicity material, provision of tele-communication services, release of advertisement, re-release of newsprint etc.

**Discussions with China**

2166. Shri A. B. Vajpayee:  
Shri Balraj Madhok:  
Shri Shrichand Goel:  
Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:  
Shri Yajna Datt Sharma:  
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:  
Shri Hardayal Devgun:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to China for a meaningful discussion on the relations between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Chinese Government thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Sales Representatives in Publications Division**

2167. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Sales Representatives and Sales Assistants fallen vacant in the years 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 in the Publications Division;

(b) the number of posts filled up by the appointment of the employees of the Publications Division both by direct recruitment and departmental promotion quota;

(c) the number of employees belonging to Scheduled Caste;

(d) the number of employees who did not have sales experience other than that of the Publications Division; and

(e) the number of employees who had Diploma in Business management?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah):

	Sales Representatives	Sales Assistants
(a) No. of vacancies		
1962 . . . . .	1	..
1963 . . . . .	2	2
1964 . . . . .	2	..
1965 . . . . .	1	1
1966 . . . . .	..	5
(b) No. of posts filled		
By Direct recruitment . . . . .	3	2
By Promotion . . . . .	1	..
By transfer/deputation: . . . . .	..	2
(c) No. of persons belonging to scheduled castes. . . . .	1@	..
(d) No of employees who had only experience in the Publications Division . . . . .	3	2
(e) No. of employees who had a Diploma in Business Management. . . . .	..	..

@The incumbent of the post is a Permanent Sales Assistant.