

### Press Attaches

**1993. Shri Jagadish Awasthi:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Press Attaches in the Indian Missions abroad;

(b) the number of those who know the language of the country where they are stationed; and

(c) the measures taken to make the Press Attaches stationed abroad to learn the national language of the country of their posting?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) to (c). There are three categories of Publicity Officers in our Missions abroad, designated as Public Relations Officers, Press Attaches and Assistant Press Attaches. The total number of officers of all categories is 52, out of whom 28 are conversant with the language of the country where they are posted, and the remaining have acquired a working knowledge of the language involved.

According to the needs of the Service, each Publicity Officer is allotted a foreign language in which he is required to pass a prescribed examination. On passing this examination, the tuition fees paid by the officer are reimbursed to him. Lump sum awards are also made when Publicity Officers pass an examination of an advanced standard in an additional foreign language.

### Technical Officers of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

**1994. Shri Jagadish Awasthi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gazetted and non-gazetted technical officers under various categories in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting with over three years service to their credit on the 1st August, 1958; and

(b) the number of such officers who have been made quasi-permanent?

**The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar):** (a) and (b). A statement giving the necessary information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix V annexure No. 68.]

### Nangal Fertilizers and Chemicals (Private) Limited

**1995. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assistants and clerk: in various departments of the Nangal Fertilizers and Chemicals (Private) Ltd., as on the 31st July, 1958;

(b) the number of employees among them who are on deputation;

(c) the number of oustees among them; and

(d) the number of Scheduled Castes among them?

### The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) Assistants: 43

Clerks: 241.

(b) Nil.

(c) Assistants: 1.

Clerks: 65.

(d) Nil

### Ministerial Staff in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**1996. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the number of assistants and clerks working in this Ministry at present; and

(b) the number of employees among them belonging to Scheduled Castes?

### The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):

(a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

**Statement**

Posts	No. Working in Ministry	No. Belonging to Scheduled Castes
Assistants	2,27	13
Upper Division Clerks	1,15	2
Lower Division Clerks	4,09	13
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**Indian Traders abroad**

1997. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the steps, if any, taken during the last five years to protect the interest of the Indian Traders abroad by his Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs; and

(b) the extent to which the Indian Traders have been benefited by these steps?

**The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri):**

(a) A statement is attached.

**Statement**

Among others, the Government of India have taken the following major steps to protect the interest of Indian traders abroad:—

(i) Trade agreements/arrangements have been concluded with 26 countries. In addition treaties of friendship, commerce and navigation have been concluded with 15 countries.

(ii) Trade delegations have been sent abroad from time to time to explore foreign markets for Indian goods. Trade delegations from foreign countries

have also been invited to India to see for themselves the goods which India could supply to these countries.

(iii) Trade offices have been opened in 16 countries during the last 5 years to look after our commercial interests.

(iv) Exhibitions and fairs have been organized in foreign countries from time to time.

(v) Show rooms/Trade Centres have been set up in 29 countries.

(vi) 13 Export Promotion Councils have been set up to promote the export of specified goods.

(vii) Import and export policies have been shaped from time to time with a view to promoting exports from India.

(b) It is difficult to make an assessment. But there is reason to believe that the efforts made by Government have proved beneficial.

**Nuclear Tests**

1998. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**  
**Shri Daljit Singh:**

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries have agreed conditionally to suspend nuclear weapon tests;

(b) if so, the names of such countries and conditions thereof (country-wise);

(c) whether any countries have actually suspended nuclear weapon tests; and

(d) if so, the names of such countries?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) to (d). Until the present, three countries—U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and U.K.—have tested nuclear weapons.