the Prime Minister as indeed of other Ministers to answer themselves communications received by them, spe-cially from Members of Parliament.

Departure from the practice is sometimes necessitated by sheer volume of the correspondence; more often, however, it results from necessity for examining the problems posed by the letters in consultation with other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India sometimes, State Governments. such cases interim replies are sent by officials.

## विदेशों में प्रचार

3588- वी प्रकाशबीर शास्त्रीः स्या वैदेशिक-कार्य मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे **fak:** 

- (क) विदेशों में भारत के दृष्टिकीण की सबल बनाने के उद्दश्य से लोक लेखा समिति हारा विदेशों में प्रवार के सम्बन्ध में पहले विये गये सुझावों को कहां तक कार्य रूप दिया यया है:
- (ख) क्या देश तथा विदेशों के कुछ महत्वपूर्ण समाचार पत्नों ने भी इस मसले पर टिप्पणी की है: ग्रीर
- (ग) यदि हां, तो विदेशों में हमारी प्रचार व्यवस्था कब तक प्रधिक प्रभावी तथा खडेश्यपूर्ण बनाई आयेगी ?

प्रतिरका मंत्री (बी स्वयं सिंह) : (क) टेलीप्रिटर प्रणाली का विस्तार विदेश-स्थित कई भीर भारतीय मिशनों में कर दिया गया है, रंगीन समाचार-चित्रों ग्रीर टी॰ बी॰ फिल्मों का उत्पादन बढ़ा दिया गया है, भार-तीय सुबना सेवा के मतिरिक्त एकांश स्थापित कर दिए गए हैं भीर सार्वजनिक लेखा समिति की चन्य सिफारिशों पर धमल किया जा रहा ŧ١

'(च) ची हो।

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(ग) धनुषय के ब्राह्मार पर विदेश प्रचार कार्य का सघार करने तथा उसे प्रशिष्ठ प्रभावकारी और उद्देश्यपूर्ण बनाने की निरन्तर कोशियें की जा रही हैं।

**Entch Tribunel** 2589. Shri Madhu Limaye: Shri S. M. Banerice: Shri George Fernandes: Dr. Ram Manchar Lohia: Shri Sidheshwar Prasad: Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai: Shri D. N. Patodia: Shri Prakash Vir Shastri: Shri C. C. Desai: Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi: Shri Sradhakar Supakar: Shrj R. Barua: Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state what further progress has been made in the arbitration proceedings in the matter of Rann of Kutch?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): Pursuant to the decision of the Indo-Pakistan Western Boundary Case Tribunal taken at its first session held in Geneva in February 1966, both India and Pakistan simultaneously presented their Memorials, Counter-Memorials and Replies to the Tribunal by June 1. August 1, and September 1, 1965, respectively. The oral hearings before the Tribunal commenced on the 15th September, 1966 at Geneva and the Counsel for India addressed the Tribunal. The leading Counsel for Pakistan addressed the Tribunal from 24th October 1966 to the 17th February 1967. Counsel for India menced his reply on the 15th March, 1967 and was due to conclude it by the middle of June. Thereafter, the Counsel for Pakistan will give final reply which may continue upto the middle of July, 1967. The award of the Tribunal is expected later during the year.

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