

period. If you take one reactor that is a different thing. The average for the whole number of reactors must be taken.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V ARUNACHALAM What about the loss mentioned by the Executive Director and the defect mentioned by Mr Srinivasan?

SHRI A G KULKARNI Sir, it would be better if you reply.

SHRI K R NARAYANAN Sir, whatever defects have been pointed out, I am not saying that in a huge construction like this there will not be any defects in a certain part. The question is that we are capable of rectifying a defect if there is one. If a certain part is found to be defective, as you get in a car suppose you buy an ordinary Ambassador car, and you find some part defective you can replace it. We are capable of rectifying it.

MR CHAIRMAN We have become very wise on the subject. We must now go to the next question. **Question No 343**

Eleventh International Film Festival

*343 **SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) what are the names of countries which propose to take part in the Eleventh International Film Festival of India to be held in Delhi in January, 1987;

(b) what are the names of the films, category-wise, proposed to be screened, and

(c) what are the names of the members of the jury, their experience and the names of the countries to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA):

(a) and (b) Invitations have been extended to all countries with whom India is having diplomatic relations. It is expected that most of the film producing countries will participate in the Festival. The last date for receiving the films is 30th November, 1986.

(c) The Jury for the Festival has not been finalised.

SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER Sir, I would like to know whether the films that will be selected will be offered for public viewing and if so in what media?

SHRI AJIT PANJA Sir, these will be shown in various cinema halls in Delhi. As this is the International Film Festival, the venue is Delhi. Sir, there are six cinema halls selected so far as Delhi is concerned. There are also two auditoriums—one is on the Siri Fort Road. It will be reserved for the official delegates and the press. So far as the Andhra Pradesh Bhavan auditorium is concerned, this will be open to the public and delegates. So far as the other cinema halls in Delhi are concerned, they will be Archana, Uphar and Savitri in South Delhi and Palace, Liberty and Plaza.

MR CHAIRMAN Now, your second supplementary.

SHRI K VASUDEVA PANICKER : What will be the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government on this film festival?

SHRI AJIT PANJA Sir, the total expenditure expected is Rs 80.40 lakhs.

SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA. Mr. Chairman Sir, I want to know from the hon Minister whether the selection of Indian films for the International Film Festival has already been made, and, if so, in what languages they are.

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Sir, the selection of Indian films for Indian Panorama 1987 has already been made. It is a long list. I can lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI THANGABAALU Mr Chairman, Sir, I would like to know whether the films that have been selected will also be open for public viewing, and if so in which cinema halls?

MR. CHAIRMAN. He has already answered that question (*Interruptions*). Please sit down.

श्री जीर्वा इरादबेग : मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार इस बात से अवगत है कि दिल्ली में आगामी जनवरी में फिल्म महोत्सव होने जा रहा है उसका भारतीय फिल्म उद्योग ने बहिष्कार किया है ? यदि सरकार को इसकी जानकारी है तो उसको इसमें सम्मिलित करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Sir, we are aware of one notice to boycott from Maharashtra, but not from other parts of India. Sir, the notice was because of the film strike that was going on in Maharashtra. That is a state subject we are also keeping information about it and we hope that there will be no difficulty.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Mr Chairman, Sir, the Minister has said that the films Festival will be held in Delhi. But I would like to know from the Minister whether such film festivals are also proposed to be held in different parts of the country, in different States of the country.

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Sir, the procedure is that if this year the international Film Festival is being held in Delhi, in alternate year, i.e., the next year, the festival is called the Filmotsav and it is held in the cities where the main activities of the film production take place.

SHRI M. A. BABY: Sir, generally as part of a film festival we used to organise retrospectives of maestros in the field of films, outstanding directors. Do you consider to have some retrospectives this year in the coming festival as part of the festival? If so, what are the names of directors being considered for such retrospectives?

SHRI AJIT PANJA: Answer to the first part of the question is yes, we are having the retrospectives; about the second part of the question, these have not yet been finalised.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Film Festival is being held in Delhi. Will the hon. Minister consider whether, the

jury after giving the verdict, the first twelve films will be screened on the national T.V. also so that viewers in the entire country take advantage of the Film Festival?

SHRI AJIT PANJA: This is, in fact, one of the bar or the embargo put in that it should not be shown on the T.V. The whole idea is to mix various cultural groups, and the idea is to bring in exposure of various cultures all over the world and also within India, and we do not want to limit it within the drawing room

MR. CHAIRMAN Next question

Special Assistance to Karnataka Government for Developing Backward Areas

*344. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR:†

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission provides funds to assist States in developing backward areas, if so, the States which have been given financial assistance and the amount sanctioned so far for this purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the Fifth Five Year Plan period Government had given financial assistance for the development of Telengana, Rayalaseema, etc., in Andhra Pradesh and Sunderbans in West Bengal if so, what was the amount sanctioned and whether this scheme of financial assistance is still being continued, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission has received a proposal from the Karnataka Government requesting for special assistance of Rs. 130 crores for developing backward areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) Central assistance is

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Veershetty Moglappa Kushnoor.