16 MM Films Production Centre

2250. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI K. CHATHUNNI MASTER:

SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMA-TION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up an infrastructure for 16 mm films production centre; and
- (b) if so, what are the places selected for this purpose and what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two centres are proposed to be located at Calcutta and Bangalore for the Eastern and Southern Region. These centres have been selected after taking into consideration the relative merits and advantages and they will cover all the Eastern and Southern States.

Running Commentaries on Cricket Match

2251. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Cricket Commentators of AIR did not repeat in English when the recent Melbourne test was covered resulting in great hardship to cricket followers in the South; and
- (b) if so, what specific instructions have been given by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. Scores

are being repeated in English in the Hindi portions of the commentary, as usual, in the current Test series

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Seminar on reporting for radio held in Delhi

2252. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCAST-ING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar on reporting for Radio was held in Delhi recently; and
- (b) if so, what are the salient features of the suggestions made at the Seminar and the action taken by Government with regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific suggestions were made or resolutions passed at the Conference. However, in the course of the speeches and the discussions which followed, some ideas have been thrown up. A report on the proceedings of the Seminar is under preparation. The question of taking action by Government will arise only after the report is received and studied.

Payment for Advertisements to Newspapers

2253. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Newspapers in the country to whom more than 10 lakhs of rupees have been paid by Government by way of advertisements during the last three years and the reasons for giving such a large amount; and
- (b) the increase in the rate of advertisement awarded to the above newspapers?