

(b) Eleven

(c) No, Sir.

Appointment of stenographers in National Film Development Corporation

736. SHRI RAMESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in November 1981 a stenography test was held by the National Film Development Corporation on the basis of which a merit list was prepared;

(b) whether it is also a fact that subsequently even the candidates having secured top positions were left out and instead other persons were appointed to the posts; and

(c) if so, what is the number of persons (with merit-ranks) who were left out and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After written test and interview, a merit list of 7 persons was prepared and the appointments were made strictly in accordance with seniority in the merit list.

Plays produced by Song and Drama Division

737. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Song and Drama Division has professional groups with a schedule of plays produced year after year; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to put out these plays on television regularly for audience in the cities and rural areas and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMED KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plays produced by the Song and Drama Division have to be adopted for being telecast on television

since the medium as well as techniques differ. The plays which are suited for television can be adapted. Two plays of the Song and Drama Division have, however, been presented on television.

Family Planning advertisements over A. I. R.

738. SHRI DHARAMCHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the family planning advertisements broadcast over the various stations of AIR are so worded that their reception in family environment sounds embarrassing particularly in the presence of the children; and

(b) whether Government propose to review the text of these advertisements, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. These advertisements were carefully screened and duly approved by the Screening Committee in the Central Sales Unit, Bombay and there is nothing objectionable in them.

Completion of film on Mahatma Gandhi

739. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

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

(a) whether the film on Mahatma Gandhi has been completed; and

(b) what is the amount spent by Government as a share thereof till date?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The shooting of the film 'Gandhi' by Sir Richard Attenborough has been completed and the work relating to editing, recording of music, etc. is in progress.