

Ban on horse racing

1164. SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

SHRIMATI SAROJ
KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to direct all the State Governments to ban horse racing; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Winding up of business activities by IBM in India1165. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-
PATRO:SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB
BURMAN:

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

SHRI S. KUMARAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 683 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1977 and state:

(a) whether the I.B.M. have not accepted Government's proposal to dilute their equity holdings to 40 per cent as required under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act and that they have decided to wind up their business activities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to purchase any equipment from the IBM; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) M/s. IBM propose to phase out their operations in India by the end of May, 1978 and have agreed to transfer all spares, tools and test equipments held by them in the country to Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC), a wholly Central Government public sector undertaking, at current book value, to enable it (CMC) to offer maintenance services with effect from 1st June, 1978 for all unit record equipment, computer systems and electrical typewriters supplied by M/s. IBM in India and also to enter into valid maintenance service agreements with all users who have such equipments. M/s. IBM have also offered equipment, currently on rental, for sale to existing users at a purchase price equal to 3 months rental; over this period the user would continue to use the equipment, with maintenance by IBM, without any additional charges. Government users who have IBM equipment on rental can avail at this to buy the equipment they are using.

Strike by the Casual artists of the Akashwani and Doordarshan

1166. SHRI S. KUMARAN:

SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB
BURMAN:

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

(a) whether the casual staff artists of the Akashwani and the Doordarshan have been on strike for some time past demanding their regularisation; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to their demands?