

WORKING GROUPS FOR FIFTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

603. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has recently set up a number of working groups to formulate proposals for the Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-79);

(b) if so, the details of the groups;

(c) by when these groups will submit their reports; and

(d) whether the State representatives have also been associated with these groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the details of the Steering Groups/Task Forces/Working Groups set up so far is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix LXXIX, Annexure No. 45].

(c) No firm date has been fixed for the submission of the reports of these Groups. However, they are expected to submit their reports so as to bring out a Draft Outline in the first half of 1973.

(d) Yes, Sir. State representatives are also associated with a number of Groups.

CRISIS IN THE FILM INDUSTRY

604. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Film Industry in India is facing a crisis due to insufficiency of Cinema houses;

(b) whether there are other reasons also for this crisis; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to save this industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM VIR SINGH): (a) There is no crisis, but insufficiency of cinema houses is indeed one of the problems of the film industry.

(b) There are certain other problems which affect the film industry, such as, usurious finance, prevalence of black money and the star system.

(c) While Government of India have taken certain steps, others like those relating to the exhibition of films, are within the sphere of the State Governments. Among the steps taken by Government an important one is the constitution of a Film Finance Corporation to finance good films at reasonable rates of interest. Government also propose to set up a Film Council with representatives of Central and State Governments as also of the Industry to consider such further steps as may be necessary from time to time to deal with the problems of this Industry.

INCREASE OF ALLOCATIONS FOR BIHAR DURING FOURTH PLAN

605. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the plan allocations for the Bihar State during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the particular fields in which allocations are proposed to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir. The outlay on the State's Plan consists of the State's own contribution plus Central assistance. The original estimates of the State's own contribution are not likely to be realised on account of the sizeable short fall in additional mobilisation. The amount available with the Government of India for assistance