

(b) The shares have been purchased and loan advanced with a view to improving the existing arrangements for the collection and distribution of news and feature services in Indian languages particularly in Hindi for which the news agency was set up.

(c) It is for the State Governments who have invested in the agency to take steps to safeguard their investment.

In so far as the interest-free loan given by the Central Government is concerned, steps have been taken to safeguard the amount of loan.]

EXHIBITION OF CRIME FILMS

1028. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Citizens Council, Delhi, has been demanding a ban on the exhibition of crime and sex films in the capital as it serves as a training ground for the criminals; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India to this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) No such demand has been received by this Ministry or the Delhi Administration from the Citizen's Council, Delhi.

BLUE FILMS

1029. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Blue films are being screened before a select audience in South Delhi area; and

(b) if so, what are these Blue films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) No such case has come to the notice of Government.

ISSUE OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BY POSTAL CIRCLE OF ASSAM

1030. SHRI G. BARBORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Circle of Assam has recently issued any telephone directory;

(b) if so, when was the last directory published and how many new telephone connections were sanctioned in the meantime; and

(c) the reasons for the attitude of neglect to the telephone subscribers of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) The last telephone directory December, 1966 issue printed on Circle basis was published in March, 1967. Since then approximately 6,000 telephone connections were given. Due to certain difficulties there was going to be delay in printing of the next Circle Directory the Postmaster General brought out a directory for Shillong Exchange in February, 1968 and further issued cyclostyled lists of exchanges wherever new exchanges were opened.

(c) The latest issue of the telephone directory of the Circle is now under print. The telephone directory is normally published once a year but the December, 1967 issue could not be brought out as advertising agent could not be appointed for a long time due to death of the proprietor of previous advertising firm. A new advertising agent has now been appointed. The next issue of the directory is expected to be available for issue any time now.

SUPER POWER MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER

1031. SHRI A. D. MANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the super power medium wave transmitter has been completed;

(b) what will be the range thereof; and

(c) how many members of the staff are going to be engaged for manning the transmitter?