

IMPORT OF FOREIGN FILMS FROM AMERICA

710. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has spent 30 lakh dollars for importing foreign films from America during 1967 ;

(b) the value of Indian films exported to America during the said period; and

(c) the names of countries, other than America to which India paid foreign exchange for importing foreign films during the said period together with the details of foreign exchange paid ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHAMMAD SHAFI QURESHI) : (a) No, Sir. Foreign Films worth 1.79 lakhs dollars only were imported from U. S. A. during the year 1967.

(b) Indian films worth 28,000 dollars were exported to U. S. A. during the same period.

(c) A statement showing the import of films from foreign countries other than U. S. A. for the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 is attached as import statistics are maintained according to the financial year. [See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 50.].

Loss of ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS FROM RAILWAY COACHES

711. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have assessed the loss incurred by the Indian Railways due to theft of electric bulbs and other electrical equipments from railway coaches every year;

(b) if so, the amount of loss incurred during the years 1967 and 1968 to date; and

(c) whether these equipments are usually stolen from the railway yards or from the running trains ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) 1967—Rs. 13,68,852. 1968—Rs. 10,29,249. (Upto end of September.)

(c) Both from the yards as well as running trains.

CONVERSION OF MADRAS EGMORE-TIRUCHIRAPALLI METRE GAUGE LINE

712. SHRI R. T. PARTHASARATHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to convert the metre gauge line into broad gauge between Madras Egmore and Tiruchirapalli has since been accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost on the work?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No. (b) Does not arise.

IMPORT SUBSTITUTION OF NON-FERROUS METALS

713. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON : Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working group on non-ferrous metals for the Fourth Five Year Plan has recently made a number of suggestions for import substitution of non-ferrous metals ;

(b) if so, the main suggestions made by the group; and

(c) the reactions of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL, MINES AND METALS (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A statement giving details of the substitution programmes under consideration and recommended by the Planning Sub-Group on Non-Ferrous Metals is enclosed. [See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 51.]

(c) Government have accepted the recommendations and efforts will be continued to implement the substitution programmes recommended by the Planning Sub-Group.