

with in 1947 and whether Pakistan has taken possession of it later on?

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI N. MENON: Sir, it was in the possession of the Tripura Government, that is, in the possession of the Government of India before it was taken over by the Government of Pakistan.

# SHORT FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

\*464. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of short films and documentaries sent by Government to foreign countries in the year 1964-65;

(b) the names of the countries to which these were sent; and

(c) how many of these films and documentaries were dubbed in local languages before exhibition?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN): (a), (b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: While information about the general films may be given later, may I ask the hon. Minister if any film made after Pakistani infiltration into Kashmir has been sent to any country abroad and exhibited?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I want notice for that question, Sir. I may, however, give some figures. There are three categories of films sent abroad, films entered in international film festivals, films supplied to Indian Missions, Posts and Tourist Information Centres abroad and films sold to Government and semi-Government organisations, private bodies for non-commercial exhibition. With regard to the first item, we participated in forty one film festivals, supplied one hundred and thirteen films to

eighty Indian Missions and posts and the total number of copies supplied were eighty two in English, eight in Hindi, three in Tamil and one in Bengali.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Sir, I may be having very limited comprehension and so I did not grasp the relevance of this information. In the reply to the original question, it was said that notice was required for collecting that information and now I asked this specific question whether we had sent some films abroad, documentaries or short films, after Kashmir has been infiltrated by Pakistani. If we have not sent, are we going to send any, when and to which country?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Some films are under preparation for exhibition abroad in connection with the latest infiltration. I believe some news shots and others have been sent out.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: May I ask the hon. Minister whether, before Pakistani aggression, any films or documentaries about Kashmir and the Chinese attack were sent and exhibited in any other country? If so, what are the countries?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I shall give the information. There are a few films.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: If I may add, Sir, films have been sent and I think they have gone abroad to our Missions.

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: Is it a fact that a film on Kashmir was made but the Ministry of External Affairs advised that it should not be exhibited abroad? If it is so, may I know the reason why such a ban was put and whether that ban has since been withdrawn?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I am sorry, Sir, I do not have full information on that. We are revising that film and bringing it up to date.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: On a point of order, Sir. The External Affairs Minister should answer that question, whether a ban was imposed and whether that ban has since been withdrawn. The hon. Minister need not answer that, the other Minister, the Deputy Minister for External Affairs may answer that.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: It is joint responsibility and anybody can answer. There is no point of order.

SHRI DINESH SINGH: No ban was imposed on this particular film of the kind that the hon. Member has in mind. We felt that certain presentations in the film were more suitable for exhibition at home and needed to be changed for presentation abroad.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You know the film he has in mind?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: Yes, Sir.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Exactly what aspects of that film made it presentable at home and not abroad?

SHRI DINESH SINGH: I went into certain details which we thought the public outside may not be so much interested in.

SHRI SANTOKH SINGH: May I know whether films or documentaries have been sent abroad in 1964-65 on export promotion and if so, what is the number involved?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: I want notice of this question, Sir.

SHRI JOSEPH MATHEN: The hon. Minister said that a film on Kashmir is under production. When will it be completed and when will it be possible for us to send it abroad?

SHRI C. R. PATTABHI RAMAN: I can only say that they are being produced, the documentaries and others, a large number of them. Some are on Kashmir.

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: May I add that news shots have been sent abroad?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is realised that Pakistani aggression is a very vital issue and that news will cease to be news if it is delayed? Is top priority being given to see that these films are made immediately and sent abroad in good numbers?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: Yes, Sir.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I ask her whether she would also assure us that her Ministry will really screen films that are received here?

SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI: All films are screened, Sir.

\*465. [The questioner (Shri Ram Singh) was absent. For answer, vide col. 3000 infra.]

#### SCHOOLS FOR THE CHILDREN OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL

\*466. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many of Cantonment Board Schools of Regimental Schools have so far joined the Public School's Conference Association to meet the educational needs of the children of the Defence personnel and the Government employees;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hand over more schools to the Association; and

(c) whether any scheme has been drawn up to see that the children of the defence personnel on active service get admission to the schools according to their requirements?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. D. S. RAJU): (a) Except for the IAF Cen-