

to prevent large scale trafficking in newsprint particularly when there is a statement in the press that wagon-loads of newsprint are being sold in Calcutta?

SHRI 'MANUBHAI SHAH: Last week I answered a question on that. We will take all possible steps to book the culprits.

EXHIBITION OF FILM 'STRANGLERS OF BOMBAY' IN PHILIPPINES

•427. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of the Philippines against the exhibition of the film "Strangers of Bombay";

(b) who are the producers of the film and where it was produced;

(c) whether the film is highly derogatory to India; and

(d) whether the Government of the Philippines have agreed to stop the exhibition of the film?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (d) The Government of India have not lodged any formal protest. But our Ambassador in Manila brought the matter to the notice of the Philippines Government informally. The Philippines Government were, however, of the opinion that the film was not objectionable.

(b) Hammer Film Productions Ltd., London are the producers of the film. It was partly filmed in India and partly in U.K.

(c) It is a "horror" film. The story relates to the early 19th century and highlights British initiative and persistence in tracking down thugs. The film tends to give the impression that Thuggery had some religious sanction behind it.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know whether, when this film was made in India, any permission was granted to them by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: No permission is necessary.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC TEAM OF THE SMALL INDUSTRIES SERVICE INSTITUTE, MADRAS

•428. SHRI P. RAMAMURTI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the draft report submitted by the Economic Team attached to the Small Industries Service Institute, Madras;

(b) if so, what are the main points of the report; and

(c) what decisions have been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) The draft report received from the Small Industries Service Institute, Madras, had been returned with comments for being re-drafted. The revised draft has been received and is being finalised.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) The report is being finalised. The recommendations contained in the report will be forwarded to the State Government and other agencies concerned for being implemented.

STATEMENT

The District of Ramanathapuram, covering an area of 4825 sq. miles, is considered to be economically the most undeveloped in Madras State. Facilities for industrial development such as water power and transport are not adequate though they are improving under the impact of the different development programmes. In this respect, the eastern taluks of