INDIANS IN CEYLON

*648. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased

Written Answers

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Ceylon have recently •discontinued the renewal of temporary residence permits and identity certificates of Indians residing in Ceylon; and
- (b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter and with what results?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). Yes. The High Commissioner for India, in Colombo, who had asked for a clarification of their policy in the matter, from the Government of Ceylon was informed that this was only a temporary measure pending recommendations of the Cabinet sub-Committee, appointed by the Government of Ceylon, to work out ways of implementing the recent Indo-Ceylon Agreement.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS

- *649. Dr. Shrimati SEETA PARMA-NAND: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the expenditure incurred on the production of documentary films during each of the years 1950 to 1954;
 - (b) the number of films let out to States;
 - (c) the number of these films given to—
 - (i) Schools and other public institutions; and
 - (ii) Cinema houses;
- (d) the amount charged per film from these institutions and cinema houses; and
- (e) the amount realised by Government by way of charges from these sources?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (Dr. B. V. KESKAR): (a) Details of expenditure in Films Division are not maintained according to documentaries and newsreels in view of the special technical and administrative services common to both.

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- (b) and (c). Information is being collected.
- (d) and (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 293.1

IMPORT AND PRODUCTION OF FILMS

- *650. Dr. Shrimati SEETA PARMA-NAND: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of films imported into India from the United States of America and the United Kingdom during the years 1951, 1952 and 1953;
- (b) the approximate length of these films; and
- (c) the number of films produced in the country in Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Marathi and Tamil during the same period?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a), (b) and (c). Information regarding the number of films imported or the number of films produced is not available. A statement of the number of films certified for public exhibition by the Central Board of Film Censors is, however, laid on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix VII, Annexure No. 294.]

MANUFACTURE OF SULPHUR

- *651. SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Will the Minister for Production be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a plant for the manufacture of sulphur in India; and