

SHRI B. GUPTA : May I know if there is any Advisory Committee to advise on the selection of the films ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : No. The subjects are suggested by the various Ministries of the Government of India.

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN : Who sees the documentary films before they are exhibited to the public ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : All films, whether documentaries or feature films, go to the Central Board of Film Censors for a certificate declaring them fit for public exhibition.

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN : Is the Minister aware that a film—The Great Experiment—produced by the Information Department contains a procession in which the flag of Soviet Russia is being carried ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : I am not aware but I will find out if it is so.

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN : Is it a fact that foreign films having foreign political ideologies are being freely circulated in this country ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is a question about our documentaries.

SHRI M. P. N. SINHA : Will the the Minister please state if there is any film depicting Mr. Bhupesh Gupta leading a procession of peasants and workers in the highways of Calcutta ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Order, order.

ARREST OF POLITICAL LEADERS
IN GOA

*312. SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some leaders of the popular movement for the integration of Goa with the Indian Republic were imprisoned by the Portuguese Government of Goa in July 1952 ?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON) : Three persons were arrested in Goa on the occasion of the visit of the Portuguese Overseas Minister in April 1952. They have been sent up for trial before a military tribunal.

It is not known whether any arrests took place in July 1952.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : The Hindu of Madras refers to seven Goan leaders who were taken to Portugal from a guarded fortress in Goa, a few months back, and who have again been transferred to a military prison at Luanda, near Angola, in Portuguese Africa, where they arrived on July 24th last. Is the Government aware of this and if so, to which prisoners does the statement refer ?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : It is rather difficult to be precise about this but so far as I can remember these persons are entirely different from that. In fact they obviously must be because these persons, according to the answer, have been sent up to the military tribunal in Goa. The others who were previously convicted and suddenly removed from here, i.e., from Goa to Lisbon and after some weeks they were taken away to Angola—they are a different lot.

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : Is the Government aware whether these political prisoners were sent up for trial for the crime of working for the integration of Goa with the Indian Republic or were they sent on any other charge ?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : Is the hon. Member referring to those who were sent to Angola ?

SHRI P. C. BHANJ DEO : Yes.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : According to the Portuguese Government I think 3 of those 7 are not political prisoners at all. I don't know whether that statement is correct or not but that is according to the Portuguese Government's statement. It

may be even according to them, the others are political. What they said or aimed at there I cannot say except that presumably they were against the Portuguese Government.

MILLS PRODUCING FILTER CLOTH

*313. SHRI B. P. AGARWAL : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of mills producing filter cloth in India with their annual production capacity ;

(b) the quantity of filter cloth produced by each of these mills during the last three years ;

(c) the quantity of filter cloth consumed in India during the last three years ;

(d) the quantity of filter cloth exported from India with the names of the countries where exported and of the exporters during the last three years ; and

(e) the present stock of filter cloth held by the mills in India ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : (a) and (b). Statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, Annexure No. 91]. From the production figures for the four years, the annual capacity may roughly be taken at 9 lakh yards.

(c) The information is not available.

(d) Filter cloth was treated as a general item of cotton piece goods until December, 1951, and no separate figures of its export are available.

(e) The information is not available.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL : May I know whether the Government are aware that certain manufacturers of filter cloth have not been producing to the maximum capacity for want of sufficient orders inside the country

and in consequence they have got a number of looms standing idle ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I should like to have notice of that.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL : May I know whether Government are aware that there have been demands for filter cloth from Pakistan but the producers in India have found it difficult to accept them due to restrictions imposed by the Textile authorities ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : As the hon. Member is aware he himself brought to me an instance where one concern in Pakistan wanted filter cloth from this country and I think he doubtlessly knows also that after he made that representation, on the 6th December, 1952 it was announced to the trade that filter cloth would be allowed to be exported to all permissible destinations excepting certain countries but including Pakistan.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL : May I know whether Government proposes to allow unrestricted export of filter cloth in the future to enable us to have more foreign exchange in view of our surplus production capacity ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : With great respect, I may say that it is a speculative question. I cannot answer that.

MANUFACTURE OF PAPER

*314. DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of paper of different varieties manufactured in India during the years from 1946 to 1952 ;

(b) the quantity of paper of different varieties imported during the said period ;

(c) the figures of consumption of paper per head per year in India and the corresponding figures of consumption of paper per head per year in the