

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Have picture producers in India been asked to submit a list of best pictures.

DR. B. V. KESKAR : Sir, we would have liked picture producers in India also to submit a list as it is generally done in such festivals. But, unfortunately, the time was too short. In fact, the festival will probably be held tomorrow in New York and our Ambassador has tried to get the largest number of pictures for selection.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Am I to understand, Sir, that the Ambassador will make selection of these pictures from amongst the documentaries that are available with him or that are on his list.

DR. B. V. KESKAR : That will be available with him; yes, Sir.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL : Sir, what will be the approximate expenditure of this participation ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : Sir, it is hardly possible for me to give the expenditure. If films of private producers are selected, then they bear the expenditure. If supposing, documentaries produced by the Government of India are submitted, we will bear the expenditure. I don't think the expenditure will be much.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH : Sir, will the Government consider the desirability of banning those pictures from Western countries which only show shooting and killing ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : It does not arise out of this question, Sir.

BROADCAST FROM BOMBAY RADIO STATION

*75. SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the time allotted for broadcast in Marathi from the Bombay Radio Station has recently been curtailed ; if so, since when and why ?

(b) what authority has been entrusted with the duty of making allotment of time on that Radio Station ?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The time allotted to Marathi light music has been curtailed by five minutes during the quarter October-December 1952 on account of the introduction of Konkani broadcasts.

(b) The Director-General, All India Radio, New Delhi.

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : May I know the languages in which broadcasts are made from Bombay Radio and the time allotted to them ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : Sir, the languages are seven : English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujrati, Kannada, Sindhi, and Konkani.

PROF. G. RANGA : No Telugu ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : In 1952, the time allotted to these are,

English . . .	89 minutes
Hindi . . .	111 "
Marathi . . .	221 "

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : The case is lost.

DR. B. V. KESKAR :

Gujrati . . .	139 minutes
Kannada . . .	75 "
Konkani . . .	30 "

SHRI T. R. DEOGIRIKAR : How much time is allotted to Marathi at other Radio Stations except Bombay ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : I would require notice.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH : What is the time allotted for broadcasting Tamil music from Bombay ?

(No reply.)

EXPORT OF INDIAN TEA

*76. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Indian Tea Planters' Associations in West Bengal have requested the Government to enter into barter agreements with the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, Iran, Egypt and Australia for the export of Indian tea to those countries ; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) :
(a) It is possible some such suggestion has been made in one of the several representations sent to us.

(b) Does not arise.

PROF. G. RANGA : Sir, why does he say "It is possible" ? These answers are very queer. If you have the information, give it ; if you don't have the information, please say so.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : We try our best to collect the information. We have yet to find out. If the hon. Member wishes us to find out by going through the whole of them, we shall try to do it, but we shall require notice.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : May I know whether the hon. Minister has gone through the report of the Raja Ram Committee ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : Yes, more or less.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : It is reported therein that these representations were made.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : It is likely, Sir, that I might have missed it.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Is the Government aware that the need for finding new markets for Indian tea is very very urgent ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : It is a very urgent problem. As my hon. friend is doubtless aware, the Raja Ram Committee has also made important and cogent suggestions regarding export to Turkey, etc., and we are giving our serious attention to them.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Is the Government aware that Russia used to buy medium quality tea of the type which is now surplus ?

SHRI L. H. DOSHI : Is it not a fact that Russia has developed her own tea industry ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : My hon. friend who has asked that question knows more than I do because he has recently been to Russia.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Is it a fact that Iran approached the Government of India for exchange of tea for its dry fruits ?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR : I should have liked that bargain if that were feasible. We should like to have that exchange because we import dry fruits from Iran and we should have liked to send our tea to Iran.

ALUMINIUM FACTORY AT HIRAKUD

*77. SHRI S. MAHANTY : Will the Minister for COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government concurred some time back in the proposal of the Indian Aluminium Company to set up an aluminium factory at Hira-kud ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the said Company is now unwilling to set up the factory ; if so, why ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) :

(a) The Government have such a proposal before them.

(b) Does not arise.