

KANNADA VERSIONS OF INFORMATION FILMS

*52. SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Kannada versions of all information films are produced at present ; and

(b) if not, whether the Government propose to take any steps to prepare Kannada versions of all information films ?

THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : May I know in how many languages information films are prepared ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : At present we are preparing information films in five languages—Bengali, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and English.

SHRI B. V. KAKKILAYA : Why not in Kannada ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : Much as we would like to produce these films in every Indian language, the resources at the disposal of the Films Division are not such as to enable us to do it, because every language version will cost at least Rs. 1 1/4 lakhs or more. When resources become available, we will certainly be glad to produce them not only in Kannada but also in other languages.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : Are there not in India 20 million people who speak Kannada ?

DR. B. V. KESKAR : Certainly.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

SPECIAL SESSION OF U. N. ON TUNISIA

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the attempts of 11 Asian nations, including, our country, to convene a special session of the United Nations to discuss the Tunisian question have been unsuccessful ?

(b) what further steps are intended to be taken by the Government of India for the solution of this question ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU) : (a) Yes.

(6) The Government of India desire that the Tunisian question should be brought up for discussion at the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations commencing on the 14th October 1952, and they propose to take necessary steps to this end.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY : Will the hon. the Prime Minister kindly say whether he would convene a conference of Asian nations who are vitally interested in this question which as admitted by him, has become a larger issue?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU : No, Sir ; there is no such question at present. Nor, I should say, does it normally arise. Hon. Members perhaps think of this because a conference was held in regard to Indonesia about three years ago. Such a conference, if it was convened, probably would not be attended by many of the Asian nations concerned, because one cannot function at the official level in these conferences except on very, very special occasions.