

Shri M. C. Chagla: I was coming to that. In the political field, what my hon. friend says is partly correct.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): Although this may be true of some Indians, there have been others who have taken part in the national liberation movements of those countries and have encouraged the local people in their liberation struggle.

Shri Manubhai Patel: May I know whether instances have come to the notice of Government where the Negroes have threatened the Indian families with murder unless they give their daughters in marriage to the Africans and in such cases the local government is not giving any protection to the Indians?

Shri Surendra Pal Singh: No such instance has come to our notice. If the hon. Member brings such instances to our notice, we will look into them.

Mr. Speaker: Next question. Shri Samanta—He is not here. Next question. Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri—He is not here. Shri Samanta—He is not here. Shri Gadlingana Gowd—He is not here. Shri Manibhai Patel.

Shri Abdul Ghaani Dar rose—

Mr. Speaker: I know, you are not Manibhai Patel.

श्री अब्दुल गनी दार : स्पीकर साहब, मैं यहाँ का मੈम्बर तो हूँ इस लिए मैं इस सवाल को चाहता हूँ।

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Not only you but 30 people got up.

श्री अब्दुल गनी दार : सवाल बड़ा इम्पोर्टेंट था उस पर आप को हमें इजाजत देनी चाहिए। यह ठीक है कि नाम मेरा नहीं है लेकिन बतौर एक मੈम्बर होने के क्या मैं यह हक हामिल नहीं है कि मैं इस पर सप्लीमेंटरी पूछ सकूँ ? ऐसा बेइसाफो नहीं होना चाहिए। दिस इज नोट फेयर।

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Citizen's Intelligence Forums and Students' Clubs

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- *1472. Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
- Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:
- Shri S. C. Samanta:
- Shri Gadlingana Gowd:
- Shri Manibhai J. Patel:
- Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to organise Citizens' Intelligence Forums and Students' Clubs throughout the country to gather the reactions of citizens and students on various problems;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Forums working in the country will become redundant; and

(d) whether the non-official organisations will also be entrusted with the work and whether any remuneration will be given to them?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah):

(a) Citizens' Information Forums—and not Citizens' Intelligence Forums are already in existence in about 110 different places in the country and Students' Clubs, known as Planning Forums numbering over 1000 are spread all over the country in the educational institutions. It is proposed to set up more Forums in course of time.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Paced in Library. See No. LT-1253/67].

(c) No.

(d) The members of the Citizens' Information Forums, who are non-officials, work in their honorary capacity but assistance to the Forums is primarily in the form of support given by the Field Publicity Units in organising programmes, providing film-shows and information material, making available the services of experts to speak on particular subjects and organisation of meetings and cultural programmes.

Shri Ram Kishan Gupta: In the statement I find that planning forums were initiated by the Planning Commission in 1956. May I know whether their working has been assessed and how far these have proved useful?

Shri K. K. Shah: Their working has been assessed and they have proved to be very useful.... (Laughter).

Mr. Speaker: He is more than satisfied—so satisfied that he has no second question also to ask.

श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद: सारे देश के विभिन्न विश्वविद्यालयों में और शिक्षण

संस्थाओं में जो प्लानिंग फोरम बनाये गये थे उन को सरकार के द्वारा सहायता दी जा रही थी लेकिन इधर पिछले कुछ वर्षों से न तो सरकार ने उन में दिलचस्पी ली है और न उन को उचित सहायता ही दी है इस का क्या कारण है और इन प्लानिंग फोरम की संस्थाओं को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए उन्हें सक्रिय बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है?

Shri K. K. Shah: What is assumed is not correct. The basic grant given to the planning forums for undertaking studies, socio-economic surveys and other constructive activities is shared between the Planning Commission and the State Government in the ratio of 60 : 40. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting gives them grant for the celebration of national plan week every year. The grant for the celebration of national plan week in the case of the university planning forum is generally restricted to Rs. 500 and in the case of the college planning forum to Rs. 50.

श्री जार्ज फरनेन्डीज: सरकार की क्या कोई वीज पेपर्स निश्चयन की योजना है? क्या सरकार की यह सिटीजनस इंटेलिजेंस फोरम के द्वारा अखबारों को दीवारों पर लगाने का काम कराने की कोई योजना है?

Shri K. K. Shah: This does not pertain to this question but the intelligence or university forums will not be utilised for that.

Shri S. S. Kothari: What are the functions of the Indian Institute of Public Opinion, is this body aided by the Government and does the Government propose to utilise its services for eliciting public opinion on issues of vital national importance?

Shri K. K. Shah: This does not pertain to this question. I want notice.

Shri S. S. Kothari: The Institute elicits public opinion; my question pertains to it basically.

Shri Swell: The Minister has said just now that he has assessed the contribution of these citizens' intelligence forums and students' clubs and that their contribution has been very important. May I know whether, as a result of this assessment, any policy of the Government has been influenced by this assessment and to what extent?

Shri K. K. Shah: This is a very wide question. We do take advantage of the reactions collected from these forums.

Shri Swell: My question was specific. Has any policy of the Government been influenced by these assessments and to what extent?

Shri K. K. Shah: What happens imperceptibly cannot be assessed in words.

Shri A. B. Vajpayee: I should like to know who has made the assessment about these forums and whether a report of the assessment will be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri K. K. Shah: The assessment is made by our Department in the sense the reactions are received. I personally went to two or three forums and I tried to find out whether all opinions were represented. I was happy to find that all shades of opinions were called and all shades of views were expressed in these forums.

Documentaries by the Films Division

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*1474. **Shri A. B. Vajpayee:**

Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:

Shri Yajna Datt Sharma:

Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:

Shri P. N. Solanki:

Shri Brij Raj Singh Kotah:

Shri Ranjit Singh:

Shri S. S. Kothari:

Shri S. K. Taparia:

Shri E. K. Nayanar:

Shri Bhara Singh Chauhan:

Will the Minister of Information and

Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the documentaries produced by the Films Division of the Government of India do not have any mass appeal and are very dull;

(b) whether Government propose to improve the standard of the documentaries and make them more impressive and educative; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) No, Sir, this is not so. The documentaries have mass appeal and are not dull.

(b) Films Division continue to strive to improve the quality of their productions which in turn improves their public acceptability. This is evident, among other things, from the numerous national and international awards won by Films Division's films. A statement of the awards won during the last 5 years in international festivals is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1254/67].

(c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1255/67].

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री जी ने कहा कि सब वृत्त चित्र बुरे नहीं होते, मगर उन में से कुछ ही सक्ते हैं। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि वह कुछ कौन से हैं, क्या उन कुछ के बारे में मंत्री जी जानकारी देंगे ?

Shri K. K. Shah: I do not like to contradict the Chanda Committee's Report about these films. The evidence given before the Chanda Committee has not been handed over to us. The evidence recorded by the Chanda Committee, I am informed, has been destroyed and that evidence is not before the House. It is only the Report that is before the House.