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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
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[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

International Film Festival

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| | | Shri Onkar Lal Berwa: |
| | | Shri A. N. Vidyalandkar: |
| | | Shri Hukam Chand |
| | | Kashhavalva: |
| | | Shri Bade: |
| | | Shrimati Savitri Nigam: |
| | | Shri Indrajit Gupta: |
| | | Shri Daji: |
| | | Shrimati Akkamma Devi: |
| Shrimati Jyotsna Chandra: | | |
| Shri Rameshwar Tantia: | | |
| Shri Himatsingka: | | |

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

(a) whether her attention has been drawn to the fact that very few tickets for the International Film Festival were available at booking counters of the Cinema Houses where the pictures were screened causing great inconvenience to the cinema-going public; and

(b) if so, whether any enquiry is proposed to be instituted in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There was criticism of the difficulty experienced in securing tickets for film shows of the III International Film Festival. It is felt that no useful purpose is likely to be

served by instituting an enquiry into the matter.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या यह सच है कि एक तरफ ब्लैक मार्केटिंग चल रही थी और दूसरी तरफ तिनेमाघरों में सीटें खाली पड़ी हुई थीं ।

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी) : कुछ सीटें खाली थीं और वे इस कारण खाली थीं कि वे बाहर से आए हुए हमारे अतिथियों के लिए रिजर्व की गई थीं और हम को ठीक से मासूम नहीं था कि कौन लोग किस को बैठ जा सकेंगे ।

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि सरकारी कर्मचारियों को कितने पास दिये गए थे और पब्लिक के लिए कितनी सीटें रह गई थीं ?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: There was a total capacity of 4,110 seats and 650 seats had been reserved for the press, film critics, Indian and foreign delegates, members of the jury, foreign missions. That left about 3,460 seats for the public.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know if the attention of Government is drawn to a press article wherein it is said that some Members of Parliament applied for free passes, as many as 21 in number, for their family members; if so, while issuing the passes whether Government took into account the possibility of a Member of Parliament having a battalion of 20 children; if not, why not?

Shri C. E. Pattabhi Raman: We are not aware of it. We only invited Members to come with their families.

Shri Hem Barua: There was an article like that in the Illustrated Weekly of India by a member of the Advisory Board of the International Film Festival.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या यह सही है कि जो टिकट ब्लैक मार्केटिंग में बेचे गए थे, उन के दाम आठ गुना और दस गुना ज्यादा लिए गए थे ? क्या सरकार ने इस की एन्वयरी की है और ऐसे कोई केस पकड़े हैं ? माननीय मंत्री जी ने बताया कि जो विदेशी मेहमान आए थे, उन के लिए सीटें रखी गई थीं । क्या यह सच है कि वे सीटें अन्तिम समय तक खाली रहीं और वे अन्तिम समय तक नहीं आ पाए ?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: The only consolation seems to be that it has not happened only in our country; it is happening elsewhere also. But, so long as the cinema trade or business is there, there can only be a limit to which we can restrict the selling of tickets.

श्रीमती इंदिरा गांधी : मैं इस के साथ यह जोड़ना चाहती हूँ कि जैसे ही हमें यह खबर मिली कि सिनेमा के टिकटों में चोर बाजारी हो रही है, हम ने दिल्ली के अधिकारियों को यह बात बताई, क्योंकि सिनेमा के ऊपर हमारा कोई अधिकार नहीं है और वे जिस को चाहें टिकट बेच सकते हैं । हमने उनसे यह जरूर कहा था कि जहाँ तक हो सके, एक व्यक्ति को चार टिकटों से ज्यादा न बेची जायें ।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: Though on the whole the arrangements were quite good, I would like to know why sometimes very wrong information was given to the people with the result that they had to come and go back again disappointed.

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: I do not know about many of these bits of information. This was the first

International Film Festival of a competitive nature.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरे सवाल के दूसरे भाग का उत्तर नहीं मिला ।

श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा : क्या सरकार को ऐसी खबर मिली है कि टिकटों की ब्लैक मार्केटिंग करने वालों को 800 टिकटें पहले ही बे दी गई थीं ; यदि हाँ, तो क्या पुलिस ने इस के बारे में कितने मामलों पकड़े हैं ?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: I have already answered that question. There is no question of the arrest of any person. As the hon. Minister pointed out we drew the attention of the cinema-holders to it and tried to restrict it to four tickets to one person.

Shri Kapur Singh: Are Government aware that when the complimentary tickets were given to Members of Parliament all the available films were screened to see that films of a sophisticated character and of an adult category are kept away from the view of Members of Parliament; if so, what were the reasons for it?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: Only three or four films which came later on were not included; otherwise, it was not as if all the sophisticated films, as the hon. Member referred to, were kept back from Members of Parliament. But they saw most of the films except those which came a little late.

Shrimati Akkamma Devi: Is it not a fact that many of the passholders not only entered the hall with great difficulty but they had also to stand till the end of the show? May I know why Government, knowing the seating capacity of the hall, issued such a large number of passes causing inconvenience to the public?

Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman: I am not aware of any such inconvenience. It is true that it was crowded but it cannot be said that there was such an inconvenience.

Shri Thirumala Rao: Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that there has been a general dissatisfaction about how the whole thing had been managed not only here but in Madras and other places, and may I know whether Government has instituted an inquiry as to how the tickets passed into the hands of persons who could sell them in the black market?

Mr. Speaker: That is our headache.

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 श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
 श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धान्ती :
 श्री हरि विष्णु कामत :
 श्री प० ह० भील :
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 श्री रामचन्द्र उलाका :
 श्री बुलेश्वर मीना :
 श्री महेश्वर नायक :
 श्री श्यामलाल सर्राफ :
 श्रीमती जोहराबेन चाबडा :
 डा० लक्ष्मीमल्ल सिधवी :
 श्री सोलंकी :
 श्री शिकरे :
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Shri S. M. Banerjee: I would like to know whether it is a fact that in Delhi practically 50 per cent of the tickets were given to Embassies—some people managed to get them in the name of Embassies—and, if so, whether they passed into the hands of persons who could sell them in the black market.

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: We did give tickets to Cultural Attaches and Press Attaches and, of course, the Ambassadors themselves.

Shri D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether the Government is aware that some passes were issued to Members of Parliament and when they went there, they had to keep standing for a long time as seats were not available—they were Shri Surendra-nath Dwivedy, Shri Jagjivan Ram and others—and with great difficulty they could be pushed through in the hall?

Shrimati Indira Gandhi: I must apologise for any inconvenience caused to hon. Members. But one of the reasons is that we do not always get the replies.

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) अखबारी कागज की कमी को दूर करने में क्या प्रगति हुई है ;