

The Minister of Labour and Employment (Shri D. Sanjivaya): (a) It is understood that no formal declaration was made by the Government of Bihar to this effect.

(b) Yes.

(c) 28th December, 1964.

(d) Stoppage of work was from 16th to 27th December, 1964. Total loss of production during this period is reported to be 668 Trucks.

(e) The matter falls in the State sphere.

Chinese Aggression against Bhutan

***81. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been armed aggression by the Chinese against Bhutan and other territory on the Himalayan border since the 24th December, 1964;

(b) if so, the nature thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government to counter such Chinese aggression; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) There have been a few cases of Chinese intrusions into Sikkim since 24th December, 1964. There has been no armed aggression by the Chinese against Bhutan. Nor has there been any fresh aggression against Indian territory.

(b) On December 25, 1964, two armed Chinese personnel intruded into Sikkim and on December 26, 1964, a group of three armed Chinese intruders entered the Sikkim side of the border near Nathu-la pass. On January 19, 1965 thirty armed Chinese soldiers intruded into Sikkim across Kongra-la.

(c) and (d). Government of India have lodged strong protests with the Chinese Government about the provocative military actions of the Chinese

forces. These notes have been released to the Press. Government is also taking every possible measure to safeguard the security of the borders.

Encouragement to Film Producers

***82. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Yashpal Singh:**

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

(a) the encouragement that is being given to well-known film producers for producing good social films;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the producers are unable to produce good films on account of financial difficulties; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to overcome it?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Government have instituted the State Awards for Films, to encourage the production of films of a high aesthetic and technical standard and of educational and cultural value.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Film Finance Corporation, has been set up by the Government to promote and assist the film industry by providing, affording or procuring financial or other facilities for the production of films of good quality.

Indian Immigrants detained in Ceylon

***83. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some immigrants of Indian origin and those overstaying their visas in Ceylon have been detained in camps;

(b) if so, their number; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter by the Ceylon Government?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Dinesh Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.