

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know for how long this report has been under consideration of Government and when they propose to release the accepted recommendations of the Commission?

Shri Kanungo: The report of the tea part was available to Government in April 1956. Thereafter they had to consult the Tea Board and its members and also obtain the views of the trade and other interests concerned. They had also to consult the other Ministries and States. This process is almost completed and as I have said earlier the decision of the Government of India will be available very shortly.

Shri Palaniandi: What are the references in the report of the Enquiry Commission to labour?

Shri Kanungo: The report has been supplied to hon. Members.

Children Film Society

*130. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of children films so far produced by the Children Film Society;

(b) whether the Society has drawn up any programme of its work; and

(c) the amount so far advanced by Government to the Society?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) The Children's Film Society is a registered body and, though receiving grants from Government, works independently. The Society has so far produced two feature films and two adaptations. The Society has also made versions in Hindi of five British Children's films and three Soviet Children's films. All these films are produced with particular appeal to Children.

(b) It is understood that the Society has included in its programme the production of two feature and

two short films during the current year.

(c) Rs. 2,30,000 during 1955-56.
Rs. 3,98,999/14/9 during 1956-57.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any of these films have been able to achieve any distinction in national or international competitions?

Dr. Keskar: We should not expect the Children's Film Society productions to achieve distinction at a stroke. It is only since 1955-56 that they have begun to produce films. This year one of the productions has received the certificate of merit in the State awards.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether Government is aware that this Society has received any contribution or donation from the public and if so, what is the amount that the Society has received so far?

Dr. Keskar: The Society has the liberty to have public donations, but I would like to have notice to find out what donations they have received till now.

सेठ अचल सिंह : मुस्तलिफ स्टेट्स में ये फिल्में दिखाने का प्रबन्ध किस तरह किया गया है ?

डा० केशकर : मैं ने पहले ही कहा है कि चिल्ड्रन्स फिल्म सोसायटी का काम सरकार से बिल्कुल स्वतंत्र है और उस की तफसील के बारे में बताना मेरे लिये मुश्किल है । जह जिम्मेदारी सोसायटी की है कि वह अपनी फिल्मों के डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन का काम सम्भाले ।

Shri Palaniandi: May I know whether any assistance will be given to private producers to produce children's films?

Dr. Keskar: I think the Society is doing it mainly with the help of private concerns.