

(b) Government have no precise information on the subject.

FILM CENSORSHIP

***303. Shri K. R. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) what agencies have been established by the Government for the censorship of films;

(b) whether there is any code of instructions to these agencies; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to promote the production of films of a purely educative character?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) A central Board of Film Censors has been constituted for the purpose of examining and certifying films as suitable for public exhibition. The details regarding the working of the Board are given in the Cinematograph (Censorship) Rules.

(b) The Board have issued a 'Directive' to its Examining Committees regarding the principles for determining whether a film is or is not suitable for public exhibition.

(c) Government have a Films Division which produces and distributes documentary films and newsreels. Central Government's responsibility extends to sanctioning of cinematograph films for exhibition and not to undertaking feature films.

TEA (PRODUCTION AND EXPORT)

***304. Shri Buchhikotaiah:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual production of tea in India since 1947;

(b) the quantity and value of annual exports of tea since 1947 and the countries to which exports have taken place;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a decline in India tea exports;

(d) whether negotiations are afoot with representatives of American Tea Association for export of India tea to U.S.A.; and

(e) whether Government have explored any alternate markets for exports of India tea?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 16.]

(c) The tea exports in 1951-52 declined by 14 m. lbs. compared to the exports during 1950-51.

(d) Discussions are going on with a representative of the U.S. Tea Association on the general question of stepping up our exports of tea to U.S.A.

(e) Attempts are all the time being made to explore all possible markets for Indian tea.

AUTOMOBILE ASSEMBLY

***306. Shri C. R. Chowdary:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether the automobile assembly plants in India are working to capacity;

(b) whether all the five major plants are operating at present; and

(c) whether Messrs. Hindustan Motors Ltd. have already closed down?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):

(a) No Sir.

(b) Presumably by major plants the hon. Member is referring to the firms with a manufacturing programme. All the five plants are assembling cars imported in a C. K. D. condition. In regard to manufacturing components parts that go to make up an automobile one of these five is reported to have made considerable progress, another some progress and a third is well on the way to commence machinery parts. Two plants however have not made any beginning in this direction.

(c) No, Sir. Not so far as Government know.

JAPANESE ENGINEERS FOR SETTING UP INDUSTRIES

***307. Shri Pannoose:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Japanese Engineers are shortly coming to India to set up medium sized industries;

(b) whether Government are aware of the report of a Press Conference to this effect held by the Japanese Charge d' Affairs in India recently;

(c) what are the industries that these technicians would help to set up;