

of the jute goods. It has appeared in the papers today that the export duties on jute goods have been taken off; in view of that are we to understand that one of the greatest difficulties in the way of jute goods finding a market is the price or rather the quality?

Shri T. T. Krishnamachari: This issue is rather complex and inter-twined. At the moment we thought rather that the price might be an inhibiting factor unless we took away the relative disadvantage that the Indian jute goods would have as against the Pakistan jute goods as well as jute goods manufactured in other countries with Pakistan jute.

Decontrol of Coal

*325. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Production be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1480 on the 29th September, 1954 and state whether any decision has since been taken in regard to decontrolling the price of coal?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): The proposal which was originally made by a representative of an important non-official organisation has been subsequently withdrawn by his own organisation. Government have agreed with their conclusion that the control on coal should be continued.

Shri P.C. Bose: May I know if the railways would be in a position to maintain adequate supply of empty wagons if the control is removed?

Mr. Speaker: This question does not seem to arise; it would arise if the control is not continued.

Indian Film Festival

*326. **Shri P. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Film Festival was held in London on the 21st June, 1955; and

(b) if so, the main features of this Festival?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Festival was organised by an organisation called the Asian Film Society. Beyond lending some documentaries of the Films Division to the Society at their own request Government has no information regarding the Festival.

Shri P. Ramaswamy: May I know the total expenditure and income derived by exhibiting Indian films in England?

Dr. Keskar: This is a private society and it is very difficult for me to say regarding the Indian films which might have been exported for this purpose.

Shri P. Ramaswamy: May I know what kind of films were selected for the exhibition and what was the basis for such selection?

Dr. Keskar: As I said, the Government has no information, as this is a private body which has organised this festival.

Shri mati Renu Chakravartty: May I know if in this competition festival or own films found place in any of the categories in which the exhibition took place?

Dr. Keskar: We have even no idea of the extent of this festival; how many days it was held and so on.

Mr. Speaker: No, no. I think the hon. Member wanted to know whether the Indian films found any place of honour in any of the categories in which the exhibition was held?

Dr. Keskar: I have no specific information but I think it was an Asian film festival and so Indian films formed a very large part of the show. We sent about six documentaries and a number of Indian feature films. I think newspaper reports say that one or two Indian films were given awards also.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know if before the festival any effort was made to get a representative selection of Indian films depicting the different aspects of Indian life and also to purvey to foreign countries the significance of those specialities of Indian society which are depicted in the best of our films?

Dr. Keskar: We generally try to do that at any film festival which wants India as a country to participate. But, as I said, this is a private society which has organised this festival and they wanted only some films from us which we supplied. It is not possible for us—at least uptill now there is no law—to regulate the export of films for all sorts of festivals by laying down a procedure to that effect so that only selected films will go.

बृहद् बांध सम्बन्धी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन

*३२७. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या सिबाई और बिद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि बृहद् बांध सम्बन्धी जो अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय