

transfer and duplicate these films from the cine to the video format. Proposals for amendment of the Copyright Act, 1957, are already before Parliament. An organisation called Indian Federation Against Copyright Theft (INFACT) was established in December, 1988. This organisation was promoted by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) with participation from the Film Federation of India (FFI) and other trade bodies. INFACT carries out raids to check the menace of piracy with the help of police, from time to time all over India.

Cheese

*412. SHRI C. SREENIVASAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand in the country for natural and processed cheese;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet this rising demand;

(c) whether the best quality Mosoralla cheese is being produced in India; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken for its export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) Yes, Sir. The demand for processed cheese in the country is growing. The growing demand in natural cheese is not monitored.

(b) In order to encourage manufacture of milk products including cheese, the Government have delicensed manufacture of milk products.

(c) Some Mozzarella cheese is being manufactured in the small sector.

(d) Government have decanalised the export of milk products including cheese to encourage export.

Speed post services

*413. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any decline in the performance of "International Speed Post Services" and "Inland Speed Post Services" since its inception;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the performance of these services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To improve the performance of Speed Post Service, several measures have been taken. These include free pick up services from either the office or the residential premises of customers who book more than three articles. Under the 'book now pay later' scheme, credit facilities are given to clients whose credentials are known, like Nationalised Banks etc. Rebate is also given to bulk mailers for articles booked upto 500 kms. at the rate of Rs. 2/- per article and for articles beyond 500 kms, at the rate of Rs. 4/- per article. In case of delay, the Department refunds the entire cost of booking of the article to the customer. At certain select centres, the customer is given the facility of booking an article for

24 hours. To make the service more customer-friendly, a Customer Service Wing has been established in Speed Post Centres. For augmenting the growth and traffic of Speed Post, a Marketing Wing is located at Major Speed Post Centres. To cater to specific demands for Speed Post Services, the Department offers contractual Speed Post service also for a regular user on a specific route. The Department proposes to instal a Computerised Track and Trace System for Speed Post articles.

The Department constantly monitors the transmission of Speed Post articles and accordingly rectifies any shortcomings noticed in the quality of service.

[*Translation*]

Transport Projects

*414. SHRI GUMAN
MAL LODHA:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several transport projects are under construction as on March 31, 1994;

(b) if so, the total number of such projects and the number of those projects among them which are behind the stipulated schedule and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cost of construction of these projects has escalated due to delay in their completion;

(d) if so, the percentage of escalation project-wise;

(e) the names of projects for which funds were raised as loan but the loan

could not be utilised for their construction; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to expedite the delayed projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 31 projects out of which 18 are behind schedule. The reasons for delay are mainly serious cash flow problems, litigations, non-availability of steel, slow progress by contractors, power cuts etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Escalation varies from 32% to 157% in some projects while in some it is too early to compute.

(e) There are five such projects relating to National and State Highways viz.

- (i) World Bank Package-I (ii) World Bank Package-II (iii) Asian Development Bank Package-I (iv) Asian Development Bank Package-II and (v) OECF Japan, Package-I.

(f) Progress of projects is closely monitored by this Ministry and the Ministry of Programme Implementation.

[*English*]

Post Offices in Villages

*415. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to open post offices in all eligible villages of urban areas;