

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). The Federation of Indian Students in America has asked for a grant of \$1000. The request is under consideration.

Small Newspapers in Goa

7297. **Shri Shinkre:** Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties faced by the small newspapers in Goa as compared to newspapers run by big mine-owners there;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local and Central Government's policy regarding the allocation of Government advertisements is one of the causes of their deplorable conditions;

(c) whether Government propose to make an inquiry to ascertain the causes which led to the stoppage of publication of three dailies and the temporary suspension of publication of one daily there within six months' time only; and

(d) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to help these newspapers?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Film on Drought conditions in Bihar and U. P.

7298. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

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

(a) whether Government have screened two films on the drought situation in Bihar and U.P.; and

(b) if so, the broad features of the films?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The two films on drought situation entitled "Bihar Fights Drought" and "Report on Drought" were released on cinema circuits on the 13th January and 27th January, 1967 respectively. Broad features of these films are as follows:—

1. *Bihar Fights Drought:* This film pertains to the drought situation in Bihar in the year 1967, and depicts some of the initial measures taken to alleviate the sufferings of the people. The film was made by M/s Asian Films of Delhi on their own and was later acquired by the Films Division. The film is in 35mm size and 258 metres in length.

2. *Report on Drought:* This film depicts the drought situation in large areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the year 1967. Conditions in the afflicted areas and the official and non official measures taken to relieve the distress in the immediate future and also the long term plans, such as digging of wells etc., are brought out in this film through interviews with affected people in their own habitat. The film narrates the progress of the relief measures taken and also records the sufferings that the people in these areas faced. The film is in 35mm size and 609 metres in length.

3. In addition to the aforesaid two films, the following four films produced by the Films Division have also some bearing on the drought situation:—

- (1) From Port to the people.
- (2) The Farmer's Battle.
- (3) The Changing Landscape.
- (4) The New Strategy.

4. A third long film on the drought situation is under production.

5. In addition, drought has been featured in the weekly newsreels of 15 weeks.