

Closure of Film Wing of Film and Television Institute of India, Pune

3393. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN:

PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the film wing of the Film and Television Institute of India at Pune was closed down recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). The Film Wing of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune has not been closed down. Only the regular summer vacations, which were to commence from 1-6-77, had been advanced to start from 25-5-77, because of an agitation launched by the students with regard to the changes proposed in the present teaching pattern.

Cement Price Policy

3394. SHRI S. G. MURUGAIYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new cement price policy is being worked out by Government; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir; no general revision of the price for Cement Industry is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to entrepreneurs in Gujarat

3395. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) what is the policy in granting financial assistance to the new entrepreneurs desirous to set up manufacturing units in the backward districts of Gujarat State;

(b) whether there are any conditions for granting financial assistance; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). The new entrepreneurs who set up manufacturing units in backward districts are given financial assistance on concessional terms by public sector financial Institutions. The financial concessions are in the form of lower interest rate, longer initial grace period etc. The new entrepreneurs in backward areas enjoy the deduction of 20 per cent from profits and gains for assessing income-tax. Machines are supplied on hire-purchase basis at concessional earnest money at 10 per cent of the value of machinery to small scale units by National Small Industries Corporation. NSIC's rate interest to entrepreneurs coming from backward areas is also lower. In select backward districts new entrepreneurs get capital subsidy to the extent of 15 per cent on investment in land, building, plant and machinery. These concessions would be available to the new entrepreneurs who are desirous of setting up manufacturing units in the backward districts of Gujarat State. In addition to these, the State Govts. including the Govt. of Gujarat may give such concessions as they deem fit to the entrepreneurs who wish to set up manufacturing units in the backward districts.

Power Shortage in Gujarat

3396. SHRI AHMED M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat State is facing an acute shortage of power;