

100 Years of World Cinema

2689. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether "100 Years of World Cinema" festival is proposed to be organised by the High Museum of Art, Atlanta in the U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether land mark/classic films of the world are proposed to be screened;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some films produced in India have also been selected for the screening in the festival; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with criteria of selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (f) According to press reports, Adoor Gopalakrishnan's film ELIPPATHAYAM has been selected for screening in the festival "100 years of world cinema" being organised by the High Museum of Art, Atlanta in the U.S.A. However, Government have not received any communication in this regard.

[Translation]

Coal Washeries

2690. SHRI RAM NIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the Union Government to set up a coal washery project in Mirzapur with the assistance of the Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in Uttar Pradesh where coal washeries are working and the capacity of each coal washery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present there is no coal washery of Coal India Limited (CIL) working in the State of Uttar Pradesh. However, one non-coking coal washery at Bina Opencast Project (4.5 million tonnes per annum capacity) in Singrauli Coalfield (Uttar Pradesh) is under construction.

[English]

Cataract

2691. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA: SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether using of oxygen can cause cataract;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There is no scientifically proved evidence known so far that usage of Oxygen gas gives rise to cataract.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Alcohol in Homoeopathic Medicines

2692. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate ratio between the cheapest homoeopathic dilutions/mother tinctures to that of country liquor;

(b) the criteria according to which the Government fixed 12% alcohol limit for the Homoeopathic preparations;

(c) whether any study has been made to find out how many Homoeopathic dilutions/mother tinctures and medicines can be prepared within 12% alcohol prescriptions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No such study has been undertaken so far.

(b) to (d). To avoid the possibility of misuse, it has been prescribed that no Homoeopathic medicine containing more than 12% alcohol v/v (Ethyl Alcohol) shall be packed and sold in packing or bottles of more than 30 millilitres, except that it may be sold in hospitals/dispensaries in packings or bottles of not

more than 100 millilitres. Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India prescribes the alcohol content of various medicines.

Programmes in Assamese Language

2693. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assamese language is being given sufficient time in broadcast/teletcast of regional programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of All India Radio stations and Doordarshan Kendras located in Assam which have the facilities to produce original programmes in Assamese language and the facilities provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Programmes in Assamese are being broadcast/teletcast by all the All India Radio Stations/Doordarshan Kendras located in Assam and on the national network and DD-5 channel of Doordarshan.

(c) All India Radio Stations at Guwahati, Dibrugarh and Silchar, Local Radio Stations at Jorhat, Haflong and Nowgong, Doordarshan Kendras at Guwahati and Dibrugarh and the Programme Production Centre at Guwahati are all equipped with studios and other technical facilities required for production of programmes in Assamese.

T.V. Transmitter at Wardha

2694. SHRI RAMCHANDRA GHANGARE: Will the Minister of