

Film on Nehru

4035. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is proposal to make a feature film on Nehru;

(b) if so, the name of the film; and

(c) the time by which the film is going to be launched ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The National Film Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting finances production of feature films. It has at present no proposal to finance a feature film on NEHRU.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

News Captioned 'FRG firm wants to run Visvesvaraya Steel Plant'

4036. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state whether a West German firm is planning to take over the management of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited which has turned sick as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated 7 March, 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : Government is not aware of any such proposal of a West German firm.

Upgradation of AIR Station Cuddapah

4037. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the Cuddapah radio station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir. The Station already has a High Power Transmitter of 100 kw mw which was pressed into service in October, 1983.

(b) Does not arise,

Decline in production of Tobacco and Switch over to Social Forestry

4038. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of tobacco has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been diversion from tobacco to social forestry in view of slump in exports of tobacco;

(d) whether tobacco production and exports have suffered largely due to failure of R&D to keep abreast of the problems and needs of the industry and if so, corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to energise our R&D Units; and

(e) the steps being taken to increase the production of tobacco to meet the indigenous demand and also to increase its export ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CORPORATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) As compared to the annual average production of 510,000 tonnes during the last five years, the tobacco production in 1983-84 was 493,000 tonnes and in 1984-85, it was 473,000 tonnes, which was only 3.3% and 7.2% less respectively than the average production.

(b) The marginal reduction in production was mainly due to slight shrinkage in area.

(c) No, Sir.