

Documentary Film on Veer Savarkarji

4359. SHRI R. K. MHALGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) since when the films division are doing necessary research in order to produce a good documentary film on Veer Savarkarji ;

(b) the details of the progress of the said research ;

(c) personnel in charge of the said research ; and

(d) when the Ministry is likely to produce the documentary film ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Since November, 1977.

(b) to (d). The Director of the film is doing necessary research work. Some material was collected from India House, the British Museum and the British Museum Newspaper Library on his recent visit to London. The film is likely to be completed in 1979.

Plan to increase coal production in Jharia Coalfields

4359. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan to increase coal production in Jharia coalfields ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are at present 121 mines grouped into 99 collieries in the Jharia coalfield. The Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Ltd. with Polish collaboration, has submitted a feasibility report covering a master plan for the reorganisation of mines in the Jharia coalfield of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. This report, in six volumes, was received in July, 1978. It recommends the division of Jharia coalfield into different 40 mining blocks and combines both underground and opencast mining methods. It further recommends implementation of mechanised opencast mining method in the reserves lying at shallow

depths. This report is intended to serve as a guide for detailed mine planning and designing for the reconstruction of the individual mines. The report is presently under study.

Joint Ventures with Sudan

4360. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sudan has its interest in having joint ventures with India ; and

(b) if so, Government's action thereon and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI) : (a) and (b). During his visit to India in October 1978, Dr. Lawrence Wol Wol, the Southern Regional Minister of Finance in Sudan expressed interest in setting up a project in Sudan in collaboration with Tata as assembly of Tata vehicles. A team from TELECO is likely to go to Sudan shortly for conducting studies for preparing a feasibility report.

A 5-member delegation from Sudan under the leadership of Shri Taj El Sir M. M. Technical Adviser Industrial Bank of Sudan visited India in November 1973. In the course of their discussions with the business community the delegation evinced interest in obtaining collaboration for the manufacture of leather and leather goods, wood and wood working machinery, cosmetics, bicycles and bicycle parts, chemicals and dyes.

Criteria for Promotion to Class I and II Posts in Central Information Service

4361. SHRI S. S. LAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether some officers of the Central Information Service have represented against the application of the dual standards in promotions from Grade III to II and from Grade II to I.

(b) Whether in promotions from Grade III to II, the principle of merit was applied while in promotions from Grade II to I the principle of merit was abandoned and seniority was applied ;

(c) Steps taken to follow rules of service strictly ?