

Documentary Film on Veer Savarkarji

4358. 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 ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) . Promotion to both Grade II and Grade I are always made by selection (seniority-*com-merit*) on the basis of the recommendations of the respective Departmental Promotion Committees in accordance with the Central Information Service Rules.

Report of Working Group on Tribal Development

4362. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendation made by working group on Tribal Development (1978—83) in their Report on ministries at Centre on different aspects of developmental strategies ;

(b) whether the recommendations were sent to the various ministries by his ministry to formulate schemes and to earmark the allocation for tribal sub-plan areas ;

(c) if so, the ministries which have so far formulated the schemes based on the tribal problems and allocated money therefor ; and

(d) when the other ministries will earmark the allocations and the steps taken by his ministry in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL) :

(a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-3112/78].

(b) to (d). The recommendations were sent *inter-alia* to the various Ministries so that they could take them into account while finalizing their sectoral programmes. So far, the Ministries of Agriculture and Irrigation, Education and Social Welfare, Shipping and Transport and Energy have undertaken the exercise of formulation of schemes and qualification of funds out of their sectoral programmes to be incurred in the tribal sub-Plan areas. The exercise is being pursued as a part of the formulation of the medium-term plan 1978-83.

Demand of Textile Industry

4363. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the

Economic Times dated the 25th November, 1978 captioned 'Massive outlay needed to meet demand' (Textile Industry) ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI-MATI ABHA MAITI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The outlays required in the Textile Sector are, in any case, being looked into by the Planning Commission as part of the plan exercise.

Plan for Development of Weaker Sections

4364. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULE-KAR : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a six-point Concrete action plan has been suggested by Central Government to States and Union Territory Administrations for ensuring all round development of weaker sections of society ;

(b) the main features of the action plan ;

(c) whether the plan has been implemented by States and whether there are any States which have so far not taken any steps to implement the plan and if so, the names of such States ; and

(d) whether Government propose to take special steps to implement the plan ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI) : (a) to (d). No separate six-point plan has been proposed. The main objective of the 1978-83 Plan is to achieve the all round development of weaker sections of society within a definite time frame. Besides the sectoral development plans, the Integrated Rural Development and other area-based programmes like Tribal Sub-Plans, Hill Area Plans, Small Farmer Development Agencies (S.F.D.A.), Drought Prone Area Programmes, Command Area Development etc., Revised Minimum Needs Programmes, Social Welfare Programmes including Women's Programme and schemes for health care, nutrition, children's development and schemes under Development of Backward Classes sector are designed to benefit the poor and needy. Every effort is being made to improve the implementation of these schemes.