

All India Radio, Jaipur

1009. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that A.I.R., Jaipur broadcast on the 24th November, 1955, an advertisement of a local cinema;

(b) whether such advertising conforms to the policy of A.I.R.; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (c). No advertisement of a local cinema was broadcast. A press note issued by the Government of Rajasthan and which was broadcast in local news referred to the film of our Prime Minister's visit to Russia in Jaipur at about that time.

Films on Untouchability

1010. { Shri M. Islamuddin:
Shri Kajrolkar:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1845 on the 16th September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have since started producing a full length educative film for the removal of untouchability;

(b) if so, the title and length of the film; and

(c) the expenses to be incurred thereon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Decision has been taken to make financial provision for the production of a full length educative film for the removal of untouchability through a private film producer.

(b) and (c). These will be decided in due course after discussion with the private producer.

'Apartheid'

1011. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Kamath:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the text of the Resolution passed by the U. N. Special Committee directing that India, Pakistan and South Africa should make

fresh attempts to settle by negotiations the problem of the treatment of people of Indian origin in South Africa has been received by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have given their consideration to it and have also decided to take initiative in this matter; and

(c) whether any reaction of the South African Government to the proposal is available?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). No. We have however seen press reports of this resolution.

(c) Not yet.

Radio Station in Orissa

1012. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the proposed high-power Radio Station at Athagarh in the Cuttack district (Orissa) is in progress; and

(b) if so, the stage where it stands?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a). It has now been decided to instal the 20 KW MW transmitter at Fakirpada near Cuttack instead of at Athagarh.

(b) Preliminary plans and arrangements for installation of this transmitter are practically ready. The site near Fakirpada is under acquisition.

Forms Press Calcutta

1014. Shrimati Ila Palchaudhury: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new machinery is going to be installed at the Government of India Forms Press in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, when the work of installation is likely to be begun and completed?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) Yes.

(b) A certain number of new machines have been installed but major expansion of capacity will have to await the completion of the new and enlarged buildings. The work on these buildings is about to commence and is expected to be completed in approximately two years. Machinery is being ordered and the erection of the same is expected to be completed in about six months after the completion of the buildings.