

(b) if so, the names of the countries who have responded and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). Indian Oil Corporation has been floating tenders for import of various petroleum products including Fuel Oil. It would be contrary to international trade practices and also against our national interest to divulge details of these tenders.

Working Group on National Film Policy

2031. **SHRI S. B. SINDAL:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on National Film Policy had submitted its recommendations, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Full report of the Working Group National Film Policy, containing also the recommendations, was laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 18th November, 1980.

(b) Decisions will be taken by Government in consultation with the Departments and State Governments etc. concerned with the recommendations.

Loss due to bleeding out of Coal Slurry in Santaldih Coal Washery

2032. **SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the bleeding out of Coal Slurry in Santaldih Coal Washery is causing huge loss to National Exchequer; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government to stop such huge loss of public money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) and (b). There is no washery at Santaldih. However, Bhojudih washery which is near Santaldih, discharges effluents which contains suspended fine coal which are being routed through a large number of multi storage settling ponds. The settled coal slurry is recovered back from the settling ponds and put back into the washery product despatch system thus avoiding major loss by slurry bleed off. All steps are taken to minimise such bleed off. It is not correct to say that there has been a huge loss to the public exchequer.

छोटे समाचार पत्रों का अखबारी काम का कोटा

2033. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार का छोटे समाचार पत्रों के लिये अखबारी काम का कोटा बढ़ाने का विचार है, और यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (कुमारी कुमुद बेन एम. जोशी) : जी, नहीं।

Corresponding of AIR

2034. **SHRI DAULATSINGHI JADEJA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regular and part-time correspondents of A.I.R. functioning in India and abroad separately;