

**Sea-Erosion in Tamil Nadu**

221. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM:  
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Tamil Nadu Government for the implementation of Rs. 6 crores project to save 39 villages in Kanyakumari District from sea-erosion; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). In 1979, the Tamil Nadu Government has prepared a Project Report for anti-sea erosion works of Kanyakumari district at an estimated cost of Rs. 590 lakhs to protect 39 villages. The Report has since been examined by the Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, and by Central Water Commission, and comments thereon have been intimated to State Government. The Members of the Beach Erosion Board also visited some of the affected sites in September, 1980. Revised proposals of the State Government in light of the comments of the Central Water Commission and Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune, are awaited.

**Production of a Film on Gandhiji**

222. SHRI SHIVKUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI PHOOL CHAND  
VERMA:  
SHRI SATYANARAYANA  
JATIYA:  
SHRI AMARSINH  
RATHAWA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some protests have been received by the Government from various corners about filming of Gandhiji by a foreigner as reported in the 'Indian Express' dated 18th October, 1980;

(b) if so, the details of the protests made and reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether some defects in script of the film have also been brought to the notice of Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the final decision taken/to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some people are opposed to the idea of a foreigner making a film on Gandhi; others feel that Government should not give financial assistance. Government feel that the film is mainly for the foreign audience and is likely to generate considerable goodwill for India in the world.

(c) The Script of the film was examined by eminent people in India who have been associated with interpretation of Mahatma Gandhi's life and message for a long time. Their suggestions regarding the alternations in the Script have been incorporated in the revised script.

(d) Government have permitted Sir Richard Attenborough to produce the film "Gandhi" in India in collaboration with the National Film Development Corporation.

**Complaints against certain Companies regarding Non-Submission of Annual Returns**

223. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:  
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which have not submitted the annual returns balance sheet and profit and loss account or held the annual board meeting for the year 1977-78;