

netic survey over 12,000 sq. kms. of off-shore area and 6,800 sq. kms. of onshore area in Mahanadi Basin in Orissa during March-April, 1978. Also, NGRI, at the instance of Oil India Limited conducted surveys over an area of about 9,400 sq. kms. in the Eastern Brahmaputra valley during January, 1980 for air borne magnetics.

The information in respect of ONGC in this regard is 'nil'. However, the KDM Institute of Petroleum Exploration of ONGC has collaboration with the NGRI for undertaking some basic research work.

(c) The surveys carried on by NGRI were essentially for areas under exploration/development in or close to OIL's PEL/ML areas. The information can be made available to any authorised Government agency.

#### Film "Gandhi"

2753. SHRI R. L. BHATIA:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO  
SCINDIA:

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

(a) whether the film "Gandhi" produced by Sir Richard Attenborough has since been cleared by the Indian Censors:

(b) if so, did they suggest any cuts; if so, whether these have been carried out—here or, abroad;

(c) whether the film has been or is being dubbed in Hindi also; if so, where and through which agency and at what stage it is and the approximate expenditure involved in this venture;

(d) the total expenditure incurred in the production of this film and the portion met by the Government of India both in rupees and foreign exchange;

(e) the agency through which it will be released and whether tenders will be invited otherwise; if so, in what way; and

(f) when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. The film has not yet been submitted to the Central Board of Film Censors.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The dubbing of Hindi version is in progress in Bombay and is likely to be completed shortly. M/s. Indo-British Films and Sir Richard Attenborough the makers of the film are preparing the Hindi version in India. The expenditure on dubbing of the film in Hindi is budgetted around Rs. 40,000/- but actual expenditure will be known only after dubbing is completed.

(d) The total cost of production of the film is around Rs. 18 crores. Out of this amount, the N.F.D.C. has incurred expenditure amounting to Rs. 585.26 lakhs upto 31.5.1982.

(e) The film will be released through M/s. Columbia Pictures International, whose offer, after negotiation, has been considered more advantageous than those of several other international distribution companies.

(f) The film is likely to be released towards the end of 1982.

#### Expansion Project of Indian Telephone Industry in Rae Bareli

2754. SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the up-to-date status of the expansion project of the Indian Telephone Industry in Rae Bareli, giving details of the foreign collaboration and the work to be executed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The Government have approved a Project to set up manufacturing capacity for 2 lakh lines of crossbar switching equipment of Indian Crossbar Project (ICP) design, in the Rae Bareli Unit of ITI. The Industrial licence for this factory was issued in the month of December, 1981.