

Film Festival in Delhi

72. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether invitations were extended to leading actors in India for the Film Festival held in Delhi;

(b) if so, on what basis; and

(c) the reasons for the absence of several leading artists from Tamilnad?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) to (c). Prominent film artists were invited to attend the II International Film Festival of India at New Delhi. Special invitations were also extended, in consultation with the film industry, to the more important artists in the film production centres. A number of leading artists from Madras also attended the Festival. Most of those invited attended. Two leading artists from Madras, Shri M. G. Ramchandran and Shrimati Padmini could not attend though they were invited.

Export of Shoes

73. Dr. Samantsinhar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and value of shoes exported from India in 1960 and 1961 upto now;

(b) the names of the countries that have purchased Indian shoes with the quantity and its value;

(c) how this export business is carried out and whether there is any organisation that promotes this trade in various States; and

(d) how many shoes with their value have been procured from Orissa for this export trade?

The Minister of Commerce (Shri Kanungo): (a) and (b). Exports of

footwear during 1960 and January-August 1961 are as follows:—

Country	Quantity in '000' pairs Value in '000' Rs.	
	1960 Qty. Value	1961 (Jan.- Aug.) Qty. Value
U. K.	945 2329	726 1770
U.S.S.R.	484 12227	294 7879
Germany (E)	131 4059	28 233
Bahrein Is	123 698	75 377
Kuwait	166 1070	121 844
U.S.A.	548 1409	509 1389
Mauritius	128 566	64 96
Nigeria	95 513	30 180
Sudan	212 1005	53* 315*
Canada	601 1498	412 1088
Trinidad	167 535	93 303
Other countries	1623 5647	688 3341
TOTAL	5223 31546	3073 17815

* (Upto July, 1961 only).

(d) Exports of footwear are not controlled and hence it is open to any exporter to export it. Exports to State Trading countries are undertaken by the State Trading Corporation of India. The promotion of exports of rubber (including canvas) shoes is the responsibility of the Chemical and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, while the Leather Export Promotion Council is responsible for promoting exports of leather footwear. Promotion of exports is not done State-wise.

(d) Statistics relating to exports of footwear on the basis of the State from which it originates are not maintained.

Paper Industry

74. Dr. Samantsinhar: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that papers produced in India are inferior in