

pension scheme, educational facilities to the children of freedom fighters, fixation of a quota for allotment of plots, issue of certificates and issue of invitation cards for national functions.

Freedom fighters are already being granted financial assistance and educational facilities in deserving cases and also being invited for Independence Day/Republic Day functions. No final decision on the other points mentioned in the memorandum has been taken.

Loans Advanced to Film Producers by Film Finance Corporation

7770. SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loans advanced to the film producers by the Film Finance Corporation during last three years ;

(b) the quantum gone to films produced in Hindi ; and

(c) the amount given for films produced in Tamil and other South Indian languages ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Film Finance Corporation Limited, Bombay, had advanced loans totalling Rs. 54,51,635/- to film producers during the last three years.

(b) Rs. 33,40,965/-.

(c) Rs. 4,79,171/-.

Conversion of P.T.I. and U.N.I. into Trusts

7771. SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enact legislation to convert the P.T.I. and U.N.I. into Trusts ; and

(b) if so, when ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b). Government are at present examining the possibility of diffusing the ownership of news agencies in the light of the recommendation of the Press Commission.

Manufacture of TV-Cum-Radio Set by an Award Winner

7772. SHRI P. NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a scheme for manufacture of TV-cum-Radio set of an award winner with practically cent per cent indigenous material and technical know-how is pending with the Department of Electronics since long ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). In order to meet the total requirements of Television sets after new Television Stations are established during the Fourth Five Year Plan period, applications were invited from all categories of manufacturers. Over 200 applications were received, one of which is from Shri Udham Singh, who has been given an award by the Inventions Promotion Board for developing a TV set. The applicant has indicated that he will need import of components at Rs. 20 per set. Additionally, as in the case of all other manufacturers, he will need TV tubes. Whilst these are made by Bharat Electronics they still involve an import content of Rs. 60/- per 19" tube. In view of the large number of applications for a very large capacity, it was felt necessary to carry out a detailed examination. This has been carried out and a decision will be taken soon. It is the intention to give preference to scientists/technicians and engineers who have developed competence.

Restaurant put up by Claridge's Hotel at Expo-70, Japan

7773. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Claridge's Hotel had put up a restaurant at the Expo-70 exhibition at Osaka, Japan ;

(b) the extent of profit earned or loss incurred by the Claridge's Hotel in this project ;

(c) in case there has been a loss to this Hotel, the main factors responsible ; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange extended to this Hotel ?