

Some technical posts have also been filled from the open market through duly formed Selection Committees, on a contract basis.

A statement indicating the particulars in respect of the technical and non-technical posts which have been filled by deputation is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3328/72].

#### **Increase in Prices of Bricks**

1518. SHRI P. K. DEO : Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an increase in the prices of bricks during this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether attention of Government in this regard has been invited to a report in the *Economic Times* of 8th June, 1972; and

(d) if so, their reaction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) : (a) and (b). "Bricks" is not an industry included in the schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act. Government are, however, aware of reports that the ex-factory price of bricks in certain parts of the country has risen by about 5%. This is presumably due to increased cost of production resulting from higher price of coal, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Russian penetration in Indian Film**

1519. SHRI P. K. Deo : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been invited to a long article in the *Organiser Weekly* of the 24th June, 1972, page 6 entitled "Russian Penetration in Indian films";

(b) if so, whether Government have studied this report; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The opinions expressed therein have been seen.

#### **Complaint against procedure for constituting Films Delegation sent Abroad**

1520. SHRI P. K. DEO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Swantantra Party Headquarters in a communication to the Prime Minister have complained against the procedure for constituting the Film Delegations going abroad; and

(b) whether Government have studied the allegations of the Swantantra Party and if so, the reaction of Government thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) The complaint is against selection of a particular officer of the Films Division for deputation with a film delegation going abroad and not against constitution of delegations;

(b) The allegations have been found to be without substance.

#### **Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Ananda Bazar Patrika of Calcutta**

1521. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister attended the Golden Jubilee celebration of *Ananda Bazar Patrika*, Calcutta in May, 1972; and

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister is aware that owners of this newspaper were charged with serious malpractices including misuse of newsprint quota?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1965 departmental action was taken against publishers of the newspaper for unauthorised disposal of newsprint in 1959-60.