

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA):** (a) and (b) So far, the Film Finance Corporation has written off loans to the extent of Rs. 12.66 lakhs (including interest of Rs. 0.83 lakhs) out of the advances made during the period 1964-67. These loans pertained to eight films. Seven of them were box-office failures and the eighth was not completed.

#### Arms licences for former Rulers

453. **SHR JAGANNATH MISHRA: SHRI HARI SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have directed all ex-Rulers and ex-exemptee members of their families to obtain regular licences for the possession of fire arms;

(b) if so, the number of ex-Rulers who have either obtained or applied for licences; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against defaulters?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The information has been called for from the State Governments.

(c) The licensing authorities prescribed under the Arms Act have the discretion to decide what action should be taken against a defaulter considering the circumstances and merits of each individual case.

#### Asset of Large Business Houses

454. **SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the latest data about the assets of large business houses; and

(b) whether Government propose to enlarge the list of large houses on the basis of new data available?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD):** (a) and (b) Data upto 1967-68 regarding assets of large business houses is available in the May 1970 issue of the Department of Company Affairs' Journal "Company News and Notes" copies of which are available in Parliament Library. The Department of Company Affairs is engaged in updating this information for appropriate use in the pursuit of Government policies.

#### Grant of advance increments to Engineering Graduates on appointment as Engineering Supervisors in Telephone Department

455. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering Graduates on appointment as Engineering Supervisors in Telephone Department get six advance increments; and

(b) if so, the justification therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA)** (a): Yes.

(b) The cadre of Engineering Supervisors is the basic cadre which are made all promotions (100 per cent) to the gazetted cadre of Telegraph Engineering Service-Class II, who in turn are considered for still higher gazetted Engineering and Supervisory cadres of the Department. To attract qualified engineering graduates to this service six advance increments in the prescribed scale are being given.