

Ratnagiri in Koyna District, Maharashtra, State, has been examined. Arising out of the examination, certain aspects of the project are being reviewed relating mainly to ensuring maximum use of indigenous equipment and services.

(b) The main work on the Project will be started as soon as a decision is taken after the review referred to in answer to part (a) of the question. Certain preliminary works are, however, expected to be taken in hand soon.

EXTENSION OF B. G. LINE FROM
JOGIGHOPA TO GAUHATI

1814. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the broad-gauge Assam rail link which now terminates at Jogighopa to Gauhati ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI C. M. POONACHA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

EXPORT OF FILMS

1816. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of films exported to foreign countries during the last five years ending October, 1967 ;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by these films and names of the films which were exported during the said period and

(c) the names of those films which earned the highest foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) to (c). The number of films exported during 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66 was 404, 70, 472 and 40 earning foreign exchange, of the order of Rs. 1.52, 2.15, 2.01 and 1.73 crores respectively. Information regarding the number of films exported during 1966-67 and April-October, 1967 and the foreign exchange earned by them is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

The following were the films which earned the highest foreign exchange during 1962-63 to 1965-66 and April-January, 1967 :

(1) Sangam	18,18,000/-
(2) Around the World	11,40,000/-
(3) Guide	8,13,300/-
(4) Mogle Azam	6,74,920/-
(5) Geet Gaya Pathrone	5,32,500/-
(6) Mere Mehboob	5,09,100/-
(7) Arzoo	5,04,080/-
(8) Taj Mahal	4,72,472/-
(9) Aaye Milan ke Bela	3,20,072/-
(10) Jungle.. .. .	2,66,856/-
(11) Leader	2,60,000/-
(12) Dosti	2,02,075/-

The information regarding the names of films exported during the last five years ending October, 1967, and foreign exchange earned by them together with information about the films which earned the highest foreign exchange during February-October, 1967 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

IMPORT OF ROCK PHOSPHATE

1817. SHRI N. K. SOMANI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1967-68 requirements of rock phosphate are around 13 lakh tonnes ;

(b) whether the imports in the first four months in this year upto July, 1967 totalled only 1.38 lakh tonnes against the requirements of 4.40 lakh tonnes and STC does not have realisable contracts for the balance quantity required ;

(c) the quantity intended to be imported from the Arab countries and the possibility of shortfalls due to closure of the Suez Canal ; and

(d) whether a better offer was received from Israeli sources for the supply of rock phosphate which was turned down due to political reasons ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE
(SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total imports of rock phosphate by S.T.C. in the first four months of 1967-68 was 1.38 lakh tonnes. At the beginning of the year, there was a carry-over of stocks of approximately 3.75 lakh tonnes. This together with the actual imports is adequate to meet the requirements till fresh supplies