

Censoring of Films

6800. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign film passed by our Censors with cuts during the period from 1966 to 1968 was given a certificate without a triangle which usually symbolises cuts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against persons responsible for the same; and

(c) the measures desired to prevent the recurrence of the same in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement indicating the names of foreign films certified by the Board with cuts during the period 1966-68, without a triangle mark indicative of cuts, is placed on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. Lt-822[68]. Gov-Employees Association, New Delhi, on receipt of report of the Central Board of Film Censors appropriate action will be considered by the Government.*]

Magazines for Troops

6801. SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3078 on the 6th March, 1968 and state:

(a) the name of the paper supposed to be "propagating regional and anti-national feelings" sought to be discouraged for reading by troops;

(b) the grounds on which that particular paper was considered as propagating regional and anti-national feelings and the authority which arrived at this conclusion;

(c) whether the Defence Ministry referred this paper to the Ministry of Home Affairs for suitable action on

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the findings of the Headquarters, Poona Sub-area that the paper was propagating "anti-national" feelings;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reasons for other Headquarters or Army Offices not following suit?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) 'Murasoli'.

(b) to (e). The decision in this case was taken by the appropriate Army authority. It is not in public interest to give further details relating to that decision.

A.I.R. Correspondents

6802. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number names, designations and salaries and emoluments of A.I.R. Correspondents in India and abroad as on the 31st October, 1967 with the names of stations where they are posted;

(b) the nature and amount of work they do and the number of words they cable on an average every day with total cable expenses per year of each Correspondent;

(c) the percentage of news used in daily broadcasts from the material sent by these A.I.R. Correspondents; and

(d) the progress made in regard to the proposal to appoint new Correspondents in certain countries and the number and names of persons appointed till the 31st October, 1967 with names of places where posted and their salaries, emoluments and expenses of each such appointment?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.