

29th April. These persons were on broad Indian vessel 'Ratnagiri' which had drifted ashore near Karachi reportedly due to mechanical trouble.

(b) The Government of India have already taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan who are being pressed to release these persons for early repatriation to India.

#### International Film Festivals

755. SHRI P. GOPALAN:  
SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI:  
SHRI N. K. SANGHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold an International Film Festival this year;

(b) how many such festivals were organised by Government in the past; and

(c) the benefits which accrue from such festivals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to hold an International Film Festival early next year is under consideration.

(b) Three International Film Festivals have already been held in India in the years 1952, 1961 and 1965.

(c) Besides providing an international forum to world cinema, it enables the host country to project its cinema and provides our artists, directors, producers and other cine-workers the unique opportunity of artistic and business contact.

#### Energy Survey of India Committee

756. SHRI P. R. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the action which has been taken on the recommendations made

by the Energy Survey of India Committee, 1965;

(b) whether another survey has been undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of the said Committee;

(c) if so, the progress thereof; and

(d) if not, the arrangements which are being made to expedite the next survey?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI):

(a) The report covers a wide range of subjects relating to planning for energy in the country. Many of the recommendations have already been accepted; there are others which call for further study and examination. These are being pursued.

(b) to (d). The next survey of energy requirements of the country will be undertaken as soon as a decision is taken on the plans of development for the new Fourth Plan. In the meantime, compilation of certain basic statistics pertaining to consumption of energy in various sectors subsequent to 1962-63 has been taken up.

12 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

##### ABOLITION OF PRIVY PURSES

SHRI R. BARUA (Jorhat): I call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon:

The outcome of the negotiations held recently with the Ex-Rulers of Princely States on the question of abolition of their privy purses and other privileges.