

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and action proposed to be taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The Government have seen a report to that effect in newspapers.

(b) Although the Film Finance Corporation attempts to obtain other collateral security besides that of the film to cover the risk involved but security is not the all-important factor for grant of loans. All proposals are considered on their merits and a worthwhile proposal is not disfavoured merely for want of adequate security or guarantee.

#### Asian Labour Ministers Conference

2958. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :  
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :  
SHRI BENI SHANKER  
SHARMA :  
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :  
SHRI RANJIT SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the recent Conference of Asian Labour Ministers held at New Delhi, has resolved that the International Labour Organisation conventions are unsuitable for the Asian region;

(b) if so, whether the Government of India share this view and since when ; and

(c) whether, the conference also approved of Government of India's ban on strikes in essential industries and services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT & REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) and (b). In a declaration concerning the International Labour Organisation, the Conference invited the attention of the ILO to the need for a review of some of the existing ILO Conventions with reference to their consistency with the needs and realities in Asian countries and also pointed out that it was necessary that the standards proposed are of more direct relevance to the needs and conditions of the majority of the developing countries of the world.

There is no conflict between the declaration and the views expressed on the subject by the Government of India on a number of occasions.

(c) No such approval was sought.

#### Transmission Executives

2959. SHRI S. M. JOSHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that gradation list of Transmission Executives has not been prepared for the last ten years ;

(b) if so, when it will be ready and whether Government will lay it on the table when ready ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The gradation list of all categories of staff including Transmission Executives, as corrected upto 1.4.1961, was brought out in printed form during the year 1962, and circulated.

(b) In the context of the need for economy, no fresh gradation list has been brought out, nor is it proposed to bring it out in the near future. However, for official use the seniority lists of different grades including that of Transmission Executives are maintained in the Department and are circulated to the staff concerned whenever necessary. It is not proposed to lay such documents on the Table of House.

#### Area Under Jute Cultivation

2960. SHRI R. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total area under jute cultivation in the country, State-wise ; and

(b) steps proposed to be taken to increase the area under jute cultivation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A statement giving State-wise estimates of area under jute for 1967-68 is attached.

(b) It is proposed to increase area under