

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) to (c). The question of the supply of arms from Soviet Union to Pakistan has been discussed with Soviet Authorities on a number of occasions.

It is our view that Russian Military supplies to Pakistan and Pakistan's Military build up beyond the normal defence requirements constitutes a threat to our security and contributes to instability in this area.

Soviet Union on the other hand feels that some other countries are supplying arms to Pakistan and as such there should be no objection to the supply of Russian arms.

We do not accept the Soviet point of view.

Export of Iron Ore to Japan

9676. SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
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Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports that Japan propose to import iron ore from the U.S.S.R. and other countries in place of importing this ore from India ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such diversion in Japan's attitude with regard to import of iron ore ; and

(c) the efforts which are being made by Government to explore alternative markets for India's iron ore exports ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). It is not known which particular Press Report the Honourable Members have in mind. But it is a fact that in search for assured supply of her progressively increasing requirements of iron ore, Japan has started drawing upon comparatively new sources of supply like Australia and the U.S.S.R. The reasons for diversification presumably are to have a

large number of suppliers rather than to depend on a few sources for such huge quantities of this key raw material and also to gain bargaining advantage through competition amongst larger number of suppliers.

(c) In spite of the difficulties caused by the closure of Suez Canal, 20% of our exports of iron ore are going to Europe. For improving our exports to the European countries as well as to meet the competition in the Japanese market, Government has embarked upon integrated projects that cover development of mining ; roads and rail transport and provision of fully mechanised deep draft ports.

Export of Films

9677. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Films exported by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation Ltd., to the countries of East Africa, West Africa, North Africa and West Asia during the last three years till April, 1969 ; and

(b) the names and addresses of the Producers whose films have been exported by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation Ltd. to the above countries and the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—1162/69*]

Export of Films

9678. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films which have been sent by the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (P) Ltd., to U.S.S.R. and Canada during the last three years till

to-date together with the names of films and the prices fetched by each ;

(b) the names and addresses of the Producers whose films have been sent to the Corporation to the above countries ;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned by Government year-wise and country-wise ; and

(d) the terms and conditions which were laid down by the Corporation to export films to the foreign countries ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) to (d). The Indian Motion Picture Export Corporation did not export any film to Canada during the last three years. Information regarding export of films to U.S.S.R. is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See Not LT-1163/69]

Export of Films to U. K., Singapore and Iran

9679. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN

TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films which have been exported to U.K., Singapore and Iran during the last three years till April, 1969 together with the names of the films ;

(b) the name and addresses of the Producers whose films have been sent to the above countries and the amount of foreign exchange earned by Government ; and

(c) whether the films which have been sent by Government to U.K. and Singapore, have been sent through the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (P) Ltd. and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY (SHRI CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b). Information is not available. Export statistics of films are maintained by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, in metres and value. A statement showing export statistics to U.K., Singapore and Iran for 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69 (upto January, 69 is attached.

Statement

Quantity in Lakh Metres
Value in Rs. Lakhs
(Post-Devaluation)

| Countries | 1965-66 | | 1966-67 | | 1967-68 | | 1968-69 (April-Jan.) | |
|-----------|---------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|-------------------------|------|
| | Qty. | Val. | Qty. | Val. | Qty. | Val. | Qty. | Val. |
| U.K. | 7.4 | 28.3 | 4.9 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 74.2 | 6.9 | 48.9 |
| Singapore | 8.7* | 47.1* | 5.1 | 23.4 | 6.1 | 30.1 | 6.2 | 30.1 |
| Iran | 2.4 | 8.2 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 5.6 | 18.7 | 2.7 | 11.5 |

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of Films

9680. SHRI K. M. PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of films produced during the last three years by the following film companies and sent to foreign countries ; (i) M/s. Basant Pictures, (ii) M/s. Geetanjali Pictures, (iii) M/s. Gurudatt Films, (iv) M/s. Eagle Films, (v) M/s. Shakti Films, (vi) M/s. Fimalaya (P) Ltd. (vii) M/s. Gemini Pictures Export Corpo-

*Includes figures for Malaya federation also. Separate figures for Singapore are not available for this year.