

establishment of a Central Mechanised Farm in Tamil Nadu has been received from the State Government and the matter is under consideration. The State Government had suggested a few sites for the Farm and one site near Tuticorin was inspected recently by a team of experts of the State Farms Corporation, a Central Government Undertaking. The site has been found suitable for a Farm subject to the condition that trial borings to ascertain availability of underground water are successful. These trial borings are being organised by the State Government and results would be available shortly. A decision to set up the Farm at this site would be taken after these results are available.

(c) The Farm if established is expected to take up seed production required by Tamil Nadu and will contribute directly to increased agricultural production in Tamil Nadu.

(d) Most of the other Central State Farms are on the whole doing well. They are being administered by the State Farms Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking set up in May, 1969. These Farms produce substantial quantities of seeds, cereals and commercial crops. The first year's working of the Corporation for the year 1969-70 is likely to result in a profit of about Rs. 34 lakhs.

Children's Films not Screened in Delhi on 14.11.1970

403. SHRI DHANDAPANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether children's films shown in theatres throughout the country on the 14th November, 1970 have not been screened in Delhi this year ;

(b) if so, the reasons for this ;

(c) whether in all the States the children's films were shown ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Necessary arrangements for children's film shows on November 14, 1970, were made in all States and Union Territories. However,

according to a letter from the President, Motion Pictures Association, Delhi, to the Chairman of the Children's Film Society, the exhibitors of films in Delhi called off the film shows as a measure of their protest against the attitude of the Delhi Administration towards the exhibition sector of the film industry.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected from State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Air Directors' Conference to Improve upon Programmes

4094. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Directors of All India Radio Stations held a conference in New Delhi on the 16th November, 1970 to discuss the means to improve their programmes ;

(b) if so, whether he also attended the conference ; and

(c) the various suggestions made by him and the Directors to improve upon the programmes of AIR ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The Annual Conference of Station Directors of AIR was held from 16th to 18th November, 1970.

(b) The Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Communications inaugurated the Conference. He did not attend the business sessions.

(c) A summary of the speech made by the Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Communications is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4540/70]. The Conference was a gathering of Station Directors and officials of A.I.R. and the Ministry to exchange experience and views on professional matters. The Station Directors discussed various aspects of matters of professional interest to them.

Registration of Labourers at Calcutta Port

4095. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the scheme of