

payments on Central loans as on 31st March, 1987

(c) The Chief Minister was informed that the request for special loan assistance of Rs 150 crores could not be agreed to in view of the constraints on Centre's resources. The ways and means limit with the Reserve Bank of India having been revised from 1.3.1988 by increasing the normal limit by 40% of the amounts which existed prior to 1.10.1986, the requests for further increase of the limits and of the period for clearing overdrafts were not agreed to. As regard the request for moratorium/rescheduling of repayment of loans, the Chief Minister was informed that these would be considered in the light of the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission concerning debt relief. Since then, the Ninth Finance Commission's recommendations on debt relief have been received and *inter alia*, those relating to rescheduling/write-off of certain loans outstanding against State Governments have been accepted by the Government of India.

Memorandum Submitted by Marathi Film Producers Organisations

5832 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Marathi Film Producers Organisations have submitted a memorandum to Government regarding their grievances/demands

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the action taken/proposed to be

taken to provide them relief, and

(d) the steps contemplated to formulate an action plan for promotion of regional films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A memorandum from the Akhil Bhartiya Marathi Chitrapat Nirmata Mandal, Bombay, forwarded by the Hon'ble Member himself, was received last year. This organisation had requested that the State Award winning regional feature films might be considered for national telecast on Sunday on Doordarshan. Doordarshan has been getting enough regional language feature films conforming to the existing prescribed eligibility criteria. It is the intention of Doordarshan to provide as many good films as possible to the viewers.

(d) The Government has been promoting regional films through telecast on the national network and on regional Doordarshan Kendras. Eminent producers have also been commissioned by Doordarshan to produce feature films in regional languages. The National Film Development Corporation also render financial assistance for production of films. Besides, it has been decided to arrange annually two regional film festivals in various regions of the country, not only in Capital cities of the States but also in various second-level and mofussil townships. The majority of films shown in the regional film festivals would be in the regional languages of the area. These festivals will be in addition to the National Film Festival and International Film Festival of India in which regional language feature films also participate.