

Merger of MITCO with MMTC.

8225. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mica Trading Corporation of India is proposed to be merged with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the merger will result in economy in expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) to (d). The decision to merge MITCO with MMTC has been taken to provide managerial, marketing and financial support and to achieve operational and administrative efficiency.

Criteria for Telecasting Films by Doordarshan

8226. S. A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for telecasting films by Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government would take decisions to telecast special award winning films apart from state and national award films; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The Broad criteria for selection of feature films for telecast on Doordarshan are as under:

- (i) National/International/State Award won
- (ii) Thematic Value
- (iii) Cinematic Value
- (iv) Entertainment Value
- (v) Suitability for family viewing
- (vi) Year of Production.

Only those regional language feature films which have won any of the following national awards or panorama status are considered for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan on Sunday:

- (i) National Award for the Best or Second Best Feature Film of the year (in all languages combined)
- (ii) President's award of 'Rajat kamal' for the Best Feature Film in a regional language;
- (iii) Nagris Dutt Award for National integration;
- (iv) Indira Gandhi Award for the Best First Film of a Director; and
- (v) Entry in the Indian Panorama and mainstream Sections of any International film Festival of India/Filimotsav.

(b) and (c). All Award winning and non-award winning feature films are considered and, if found suitable, telecast by Door-