

tions are given below ad seriatim:

(a) There is a general shortage of good quality children's films in the country

(b) 162 feature films were telecast on the National network of Doordarshan during the period from 1.12.1988 to 30.11.1989 out of which 12 were children's films.

(c) A special chunk on every third Saturday from 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. has been reserved for telecast of children's films on the National network of Doordarshan. All Doordarshan Kendras have been instructed to telecast children's films in the regional languages on a fixed frequency. Besides, a number of children's films are telecast on special occasions like the Children's Day.

Office of Development Commissioner of Iron and Steel in Calcutta

*88. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to abolish the office of the Development Commissioner of Iron and Steel in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to have an alternative organisation for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Allocation of Additional Resources to Agriculture

*89. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to divert fifty per cent of resources towards agricultural sector;

(b) if so, when the proposal would be implemented, and

(c) the details of the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c). The Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to all commercial banks advising them to raise the proportion of advances to priority sector to 40 of their total advances. The banks were further advised to ensure that direct finance extended to agriculture (including allied activities) reached a feel of at least 15% of the total credit by March, 1985 and at least 16% by March, 1987. These norms were further reviewed and banks were advised to step up the direct finance extended to agriculture so as to reach a feel of at least 17% of their total credit by March, 1989 and 18% by March, 1990.

So far as the allocation of resources to agricultural sector is concerned, the Planning Commission proposes to channelise nearly fifty percent of the Government's investment outlay for the development of the rural areas in future plans.

Transfer of Profit to Cine Workers Welfare fund

*93. SHRI ERA ANBARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of profit earned by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) through screening of 'Gandhi film'; and

(b) the amount transferred to the Cine

Workers Welfare Fund as per agreement entered into by the NFDC and film maker providing for transfer of 5 per cent profit earned?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) National Film Development Corporation earned a profit of Rs. 2.83 crores upto 21.12.1989 after recouplement of its investment and interest thereon

(b) The Co-production and Finance Agreement for the film "Gandhi" executed on 10th April 1981 provides for crediting of 5% of net profits from the film to the Cine Artists Welfare Fund of India. Total amount due to transfer to Cine Artists Welfare Fund is 9.81 lakhs Pound Sterling (approx. Rs. 2.65 crores) but this has not been done so far because Sir Richard Attenborough, one of the participants in the Agreement, has raised certain issues regarding the Fund existing in India. While the title of the fund referred to in the Agreement is Cine Artists Welfare Fund of India, the title of the fund in operation in the country since Nov. 1984 is the Cine Workers' Welfare Fund.

Shortage of Iron Scrap

*94. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are considering any steps to deal with shortage of iron scrap in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other steps are being considered to provide alternative raw material to the mini-steel plants and rolling mills in India?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES

AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b). Carbon Steel Melting Scrap is the primary raw material for the mini steel plants in the country. It is a scarce item. To augment indigenous supply, it is being imported through the Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC) which is the canalising agency. Since the entire demand of the mini steel plants is not met through these two sources, Government have allowed import from rupee payment area countries of scrap by consumers against direct import licences. In addition, scrap has also been included as one of the items that can be imported under the 'import replenishment scheme'.

(c) The foregoing steps are expected to substantially assist in easing the shortage situation.

Setting up of Cashew Board

*95. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Cashew Board on the lines of Coffee Board and Tea Board; and

(b) if so, when the decision is likely to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b). The proposal to set up a Cashew Board is under consideration.

Code of Conduct for Adventure Tourists

*96. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to lay down a code of conduct and ethics for