

by the Films Division since April 9, 1971. Films Division is now preparing a documentary film on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

**Satellite Channels to Strengthen Telecommunication net-work.**

\*387 SHRI TEJA SINGH SWAT-TANTRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India will set up 77 Satellite Channels in 1971 to strengthen the telecommunication net-work ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) and (b). On the basis of traffic forecast, a total of 77 Satellite Channels will be required during 1971-72. However, taking into account the equipment available and already installed, it is expected that about 50 channels will be working by the end of 1971-72. Action is being taken for obtaining additional equipment for providing channels which may be required in excess of 50.

2. Since the commencement of operations through the Satellite Earth Station at Arvi with effect from the 26th February, 1971, 26 Satellite Channels have already been installed and are working with the following countries :

Australia	...	1
Bahrain	...	1
Japan	...	2
Kenya	...	1
Kuwait	...	1
Malaysia	...	1
Singapore	...	1
Switzerland	...	1
United Kingdom	...	12
U. S. A.	...	4
West Germany	...	1

The quality of telecommunication services, particularly telephone service, provided through the satellite telecommunication net-work is of a high standard and is available for all the twenty-four hours, at the existing rates.

**Increase in Promotion Quota of I.A.S. officers from State Civil Services**

\*388. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the promotion quota of I. A. S. from 25 per cent to 50 per cent for the Officers belonging to the State Civil Services ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Administrative Reforms Commission in its Report on Personnel Administration has recommended that in order to provide greater opportunities for the advancement of talented persons who are not already in Class I, the quota of vacancies in Class I to be filled by promotion may be increased upto a maximum of 40 per cent. This recommendation covers the Indian Administrative Service also. The recommendation is under examination.

**Film Industry of West Bengal**

\*389. SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the condition of film industry in West Bengal is fast deteriorating and the number of films producing units is also decreasing ; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to save the film industry of West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND