

most critical input. Similarly, there were problems of managerial inputs, exchange of technical information and training of manpower. It was, therefore, decided that a working group should be constituted under the auspices of UNIDO which will go into the question of 'resource mobilisation' for setting up steel plants in the developing countries as a total package including finance. This working group will consist of experts from the developed countries, developing countries and some of the international organisations

**Press Comments on Seventh International Film Festival**

\*19. SHRI SAUGATA ROY:

SHRI ARJUN SINGH  
BHADORIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money spent on the Seventh International Film Festival at New Delhi;

(b) the number of new films entered in the festival; and

(c) the reasons for the very hostile comments by the Press about the festival as evidenced by the reports in *India Today*, January 16, 1979 and *Blitz*, January 26, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) As the accounts are still being finalised, it is not possible to give the exact amount of expenditure. However, the estimated expenditure is Rs. 39 lakhs.

(b) None of the films in the Competition and in the Information Section of the Seventh International Film Festival of India had been released in India before the Festival, with the exception of two Hungarian films which formed a part of a selection of films by Ms.

Marta Meszaros, and were screened in International Film Festivals held in India in January, 1976 and January, 1977.

(c) The reaction of the Press to an event of this magnitude is always mixed. There have also been favourable Press reviews regarding the Festival. In fact, in the very next issue of *India Today* after the 16th January, 1979, a comprehensive and favourable report appeared on the Festival.

**Explosion in Borgolai Colliery, Assam**

\*20. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:

CHAUDHURY BRAHM  
PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the explosion at the Borgolai Colliery, 5 KM's from Margherita in Upper Assam;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in this explosion;

(c) the nature of assistance given to the victims of explosion; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent further such explosions in this colliery?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The explosion at Baragolai Colliery under Coal India Ltd. in Assam occurred on 22nd January, 1979 due to ignition of methane gas. The reasons for ignition is under investigation by Director General, Mines Safety.

(b) Out of 320 workmen present in the mine at the time of explosion, 57 were affected. 9 persons received burn injuries, out of which 4 died in the hospital. 12 persons were found dead in the mine due to noxious gases.

(c) Rs. 500/- as *ex-gratia*, Rs. 200/- funeral expenses and further *ex-gratia* of Rs. 1,000/- has been paid to each