

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE  
(DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER)**

(a) to (c). Government do not undertake construction of open-air theatres in the country. However, the Department of Culture gives financial assistance to voluntary organizations working in the various cultural fields for construction of buildings. During the last three years, financial assistance was given to 9 voluntary organizations in the country for construction of buildings. These included one organization in Maharashtra State, viz., Eingeet Mahabharati, Bombay. If the Government of Maharashtra recommends any request from a voluntary organization for construction of an open-air theatre in Ratnagiri district, it will be considered under the scheme for financial assistance on merits.

**Agreement for Import of Milk Powder  
from U.S.A.**

1189 SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement for taking a loan of Rs 460 crores from World Bank for import of milk powder from United States of America,

(b) whether decision has been taken against the wishes of High officers of the Ministry,

(c) if so, whether this import agreement will be a hindrance in the development of indigenous milk industry, and

(d) whether Government will also place a copy of the agreement on the Table of the House?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND  
IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRA-  
TAP SINGH):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) : Do not arise.

**Communications Received in Hindi in  
The Ministry**

1190 SHRI MOHAN LAL PIPIL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state,

(a) The total number of communications received by him in Hindi from various quarters during the period from April to September, 1977,

(b) how many of these communications were acknowledged so far and the reasons for delay, and

(c) whether these communications are required to be translated into English before submission to him, and if so the staff earmarked for the purpose including their scales of pay and whether the existing arrangements are considered satisfactory?

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(a) 10,198

(b) The receipts were marked to various Sections in the Ministry and the efforts to collect the information asked for will not be commensurate with the results thereof.

(c) The communications are not required to be translated into English before submission to Education Minister.

**Communications Received in Hindi**

1191 SHRI MOHAN LAL PIPIL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state.

(a) the total number of communications received by him in Hindi from various quarters during the period from April to September, 1977;

(b) how many of these communications were acknowledged after a period of one month from the date of their receipt or have not been acknowledged so far and the reasons for delay; and