

Representation from Retired Primary Teachers of Kirkee

5108. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a joint representation dated 20th June, 1978 from a number of retired Primary Teachers of Kirkee Cantonment Board (Pune, Maharashtra) in regard to the pension-cum-gratuity scheme with request to cover the teachers who have retired from 1st April, 1966;

(b) whether it is not a fact that the reasoning made out in the representation is convincing; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take soon on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have considered the above representation alongwith several other representations received from retired employees of various Cantonment Boards asking for retrospective effect to be given to the scheme from dates as far back as 1962. It has not been found possible to agree to their request.

Representation from the Employees of T.V. Station

5109. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received any representation from the TV employees, Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the main issues; and

(c) reaction of Government there-to?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). A representation from Doordarshan Technical Employees Association (unrecognised) Bombay regarding general service conditions of engineering personnel in Doordarshan and problems faced by them at Bombay, has been received.

(c) The local problems have been looked into and appropriate action is being taken by the Directorate General, Doordarshan. Matters regarding general service conditions have to be examined in consultation with Directorate-General, All India Radio, and other Departments concerned.

Selection of Malayalam Film 'Kodiyettam' for International Film Festival

5110. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the films selected for International Film Festivals;

(b) the basis of selection of these films; and

(c) the reasons why 'Kodiyettam' an award winning Malayalam film was not selected for any important International Film Festival?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) A list of feature films selected between August, 1977 and July, 1978, for International Film Festivals abroad is attached.

(b) The films were selected by the Central Panel constituted for selection of films for International Film Festivals, on the recommendations of the Regional Panels at Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. The panel consists of film makers, film critics, journal-