

- (i) Colour Correct rush and First copy or Answer Print 20%
- (ii) Other copy work 5%
- (c) First reduction copy of 16mm Colour Print from 35 mm Negative work 20%

The raw-stock is now issued according to above rates. Since the above rates were prescribed by an Expert Committee, the chances of surplus raw-stock being left with the laboratories are minimal. However, there may be cases where the laboratories may be saving out of raw-stock given to them.

2. This matter also engaged the attention of the Working Group on National Film Policy who suggested in its Report that the sector of laboratories needs to be regulated *inter-alia* from the view point of proper raw stock management. The fixation of quantum of wastage allowance has been under constant review of the Government.

Criteria for allotment of Raw Films

1996. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the misuse of the extra stock of raw films given to the laboratories against wastage by utilising it to produce prints of films which are then smuggled out for illegal screening ;

(b) if so, what is the criteria if any, for the allotment of raw films against wastage ;

(c) whether any procedure has been laid down to ensure that the extra stock of raw films is not misused by the laboratories if so, details thereof ; and

(d) the steps contemplated by the Government to remove the lacuna, if any, with a view to enforcing effective check on the misuse of the extra stock of raw films allotted to the laboratories against wastage and also to check the illegal screening of films ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) to (d). The raw-stock is obtained by the Producers in accordance with their requirements which include the wastage allowance. Prior to 1st October, 1974, the wastage allowance was allowed at the rate of 5% in case of 35 mm and 16 mm Black and White, 10% for colour prints and 20% for preparing intermediate films. The Public Accounts Committee, in its 182nd Report submitted

in 1975-76, observed that the then existing wastage allowance was abnormally high and left a surplus realisation to the laboratories with the result that clandestine prints could be made available by the laboratories, from out of the savings. The question of wastage allowance was, heretofore, reviewed and wastage allowance was fixed at 3% for colour as well as Black and White films w.e.f. 1-10-74. This decision was not accepted by the Laboratories and accordingly it was decided to set up a Study Team to undertake a scientific study of the problem. Based on the recommendations of the Study Team, the following rates of wastage allowance were fixed w.e.f. 1-4-1977 :

- (a) Black and White 2.5%
- (b) For Colour
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Steps Taken to Stabilise the production of Fertilizer

1997. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to stabilise the production of fertilizers at various units of Government-controlled factories, where the production is at low level; and

(b) the expected loss of production during the current year from these units!

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI