

tants. Being withdrawn from the combatants, they were withdrawn from the Defence civilians also, and certain alternative concessions applicable to them under the normal orders have been restored simultaneously.

Documentary Films

7548. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of Documentary Films produced by the Films Division during 1967-68 ;

(b) how many of these were produced through private producers ; and

(c) the procedure for selecting private producers for production of films for the Films Division ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) 85. A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-909/68.*]

(b) 23.

(c) The Films Division maintains a Panel of approved private films producers. This panel is reviewed every year and revised, if necessary, on the basis of recommendations of a Committee (which includes an eminent person connected with films), on the basis of their resources, experience in short film production and the quality of work as known to Government. For films which do not require specialised handling the Films Division invites tenders from all the producers on the approved panel. For subjects which require specialised handling, tenders are invited from a few selected producers on the panel. In special circumstances, some films are allotted on negotiation basis to well-known producers outside the panel, keeping in view their aptitude, standing etc.

Shooting of the Film 'Prem Pujari'

7549. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the shoot-

ing of a film named 'Prem Pujari' is in progress abroad ;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange sanctioned for shooting of the said film ; and

(c) when the aforesaid film is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Producer's request for release of foreign exchange for shooting abroad is still under consideration of the Government.

International Film Festival in New Delhi

7550. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to hold an International Film Festival in New Delhi recently ; and

(b) if so, the details of the arrangements made for the purpose and the name of countries who have agreed to participate in the festival ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) Yes, Sir ; but there are number of hurdles to be overcome.

(b) The details have not yet been worked out.

Emergency Commissioned Officers

7551. SHRI TULSIDAS JADHAV : SHRIMATI NIRLEP KAUR :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Emergency Commissioned Officers recruited in India, State-wise ; and

(b) the reasons for releasing the trained and experienced Emergency Commissioned Officers and recruiting untrained and unexperienced short service commissioned officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) A statement giving the