

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the total quantity of gold in possession as compared to the total quantum proposed to be sold; and

(d) the approximate amount of money likely to be fetched by the said sale?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Publicity Clearance Committee on Imported Film (A)

3860. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Imported Film Publicity Clearance Committee has been constituted;

(b) if so, the terms of reference with background leading to constitution of such a committee;

(c) the functions of this committee;

(d) the criteria for selection of members on this Committee;

(e) the remuneration to be paid to members of the Committee; and

(f) whether this Committee shall have any NRIs as its members?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) NRI Cine Investors Guild has agreed to set up a voluntary Publicity Material Screening Committee for imported films at Bombay on the lines of similar committees set up by the film industry at Bombay and other film centres to scrutinize publicity

material on Indian feature films. The Committee will regulate its own procedure.

(d) to (f) Since the scrutiny of publicity material is being done on a voluntary basis, the NRI Cine Investors Guild will decide all these matters.

Abridgement of T.V. Serial Stage-cum-Video show of Mahabharat

3861. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the popular T.V. Serial 'Mahabharat' is being abridged to a stage-cum-video show;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this abridgement of T.V. Serial will ensure its originality and ethos; and

(d) whether Government proposes to ensure that the sale price of these stage-cum-video cassettes are within the reach of common man?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (d) Doordarshan have not assigned the production of an abridged 'stage-cum-video' version of the T.V. serial 'Mahabharat' to any Producer.

Assistance Provided for Construction of Hotel by Tourism Finance Corporation in Cochin

3862. SHRI P. A. ANTONY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Finance Corporation has extended any assistance for the construction of a waterfront Hotel in Kochi (Cochin); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?