

Shortage of Raw Films in Film Industry

*137. SHRI N K SANGHI. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the film industry is suffering from an acute shortage of raw films;

(b) whether even Kodak positive is sought to be issued only for export prints and issue of import licences is being delayed;

(c) if so, the total requirement of the industry for the current year, those available with Government for distribution and the order in the pipeline for imports and

(d) the steps being taken to help the industry to tide over the present difficulty?

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

(b) All cine film including Kodak, imported from General Currency Area is normally issued for export prints. There has been no delay in issue of the import licences.

(c) Approximate annual requirements of colour positive is 22,80,00 rolls. After meeting the requirements upto the end of October, 1974 the stock in hand as on the 1st November 1974 was 6,900 rolls. 17,000 rolls are in pipeline. In addition, the Hindustan Photo Films will supply about 75,00 finished rolls per month after conversion of Jumbo rolls. Another order for supply of 16,000 rolls of cine colour positive is being placed.

(d) It has been decided to allow import of finished colour positive to meet the requirements for the balance period of the current year in relaxation of the policy to import this stock in Jumbo rolls.

Working of N.I.D.C.

*138 SHRI D K PANDA Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to an article on the working of the National Industrial Development Corporation Limited New Delhi, published in an English daily dated the 14th October, 1974,

(b) if so, whether the contents thereof are correct, and

(c) the reasons why Government have not taken any action so far since the 63rd Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings (Fourth Lok Sabha) was published?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the points raised in the article and the factual position in respect of each of the points is laid on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library. See No. LT 8513/74).

(c) Action on the various recommendation contained in the 63rd Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings (4th Lok Sabha) has already been completed. In this connection, attention is invited to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1872 by Shri D K. Panda in the Lok Sabha on the 7th August 1974.

Introduction of Commercial Service on Television

*139 SHRI HARI SINGH Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a commercial service like All India Radio on Television;