

by the Films Division since April 9, 1971. Films Division is now preparing a documentary film on the subject.

(b) Does not arise.

Satellite Channels to Strengthen Telecommunication net-work.

*387 SHRI TEJA SINGH SWAT-TANTRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India will set up 77 Satellite Channels in 1971 to strengthen the telecommunication net-work ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) and (b). On the basis of traffic forecast, a total of 77 Satellite Channels will be required during 1971-72. However, taking into account the equipment available and already installed, it is expected that about 50 channels will be working by the end of 1971-72. Action is being taken for obtaining additional equipment for providing channels which may be required in excess of 50.

2. Since the commencement of operations through the Satellite Earth Station at Arvi with effect from the 26th February, 1971, 26 Satellite Channels have already been installed and are working with the following countries :

Australia	...	1
Bahrain	...	1
Japan	...	2
Kenya	...	1
Kuwait	...	1
Malaysia	...	1
Singapore	...	1
Switzerland	...	1
United Kingdom	...	12
U. S. A.	...	4
West Germany	...	1

The quality of telecommunication services, particularly telephone service, provided through the satellite telecommunication net-work is of a high standard and is available for all the twenty-four hours, at the existing rates.

Increase in Promotion Quota of I.A.S. officers from State Civil Services

*388. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to increase the promotion quota of I. A. S. from 25 per cent to 50 per cent for the Officers belonging to the State Civil Services ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b). The Administrative Reforms Commission in its Report on Personnel Administration has recommended that in order to provide greater opportunities for the advancement of talented persons who are not already in Class I, the quota of vacancies in Class I to be filled by promotion may be increased upto a maximum of 40 per cent. This recommendation covers the Indian Administrative Service also. The recommendation is under examination.

Film Industry of West Bengal

*389. SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the condition of film industry in West Bengal is fast deteriorating and the number of films producing units is also decreasing ; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to save the film industry of West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) The condition of the film industry in West Bengal has been deteriorating since independence as partition of the country deprived the film industry located in Calcutta of the sizeable market in East Pakistan. But since 1969-70, there has been no significant change in the number of film producing units.

(b) The State Government appointed a Film Enquiry Committee under Justice K. C. Sen in 1962 and another *ad hoc* Committee headed by Shri R. Gupta in 1966 to suggest ways and means to arrest the deterioration in the film industry in West Bengal. In June 1969, the State Government constituted a State Film Consultative Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri B.N. Sircar, to suggest methods for implementing the recommendations of the two previous committees. The Sircar committee has given a report suggesting various measures for improvement in the film industry in West Bengal. The report is now under consideration of the State Government.

Indo-U. A. R. Annual Trade Plan

*390. **SHRI T. S. LAKSHMANAN :**
SHRI C. CHITTIBABU :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the items which India imports from the United Arab Republic under the Annual Trade plan, ending in June, 1971 ;

(b) whether the United Arab Republic has been asking for diversification of imports from that country ; and

(c) if so, the proposals made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI L. N. MISHRA) : (a) India imports mainly raw cotton, rice and rock phosphate from the U. A. R. under the present Indo-UAR Trade Arrangements.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The U. A. R. Government have been suggesting imports into India straight-away from the U.A.R. of additional items like television sets, refrigerators, air-conditioners etc., the import of which is banned. They have also offered crude oil but only for export after 1972.

E. C. A. F. E. Conference at Manila

1627. **SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :**
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India attended the conference of the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East held in Manila on the 20th April, 1971 ;

(b) whether India put forward proposals at the Conference ;

(c) If so, the number out of them which were accepted ; and

(d) what were the subjects discussed at the Conference and the decisions arrived at ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The 27th Annual Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) was held at Manila (Philippines) from 20th to 30th April, 1971. The Indian Delegation to this meeting was led by the Minister of Foreign Trade. A copy of the Agenda adopted at the Session is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See. No LT-360/71*].

2. In pursuance of the directives of the Council of Ministers contained in the Kabul Declaration, attention was directed towards the need to carry forward the schemes for regional cooperation, and particularly, those relating to the Asian Clearing