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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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No. 36/3/48-F.—The question of having an enquiry, into the film industry has been attracting for some time past increasing public attention and has more than once been brought to the notice of the Government of India. The last enquiry into the film industry was held as long ago as 1927-28 and since then the industry has grown considerably. Having regard to the importance of the cinema in modern life and the magnitude and complexity of the problems relating to films the Government of India consider it essential to have a thorough enquiry conducted by a special committee which can investigate the whole position and suggest means by which this important industry can be put on a sound footing and be developed as a medium of education and healthy entertainment.

2. The Government of India have therefore decided to appoint a Film Enquiry Committee with the following terms of reference:—

- (1) To enquire into the growth and the organisation of the film industry in India and to indicate the lines on which further development should be directed.
- (2) To examine what measures should be adopted to enable films in India to develop into an effective instrument for the promotion of national culture, education and healthy entertainment.
- (3) To enquire into the possibility of manufacture of raw film and cinematograph equipment in India and to indicate what standards and principles should be adopted for the import of raw film and equipment and for floatation of new Companies.

3. The Committee will be composed as follows:—

Chairman

Shri S. K. Patil, Member, Constituent Assembly.

Members

Shri M. Satyanarayana, Member, Constituent Assembly.

Shri V. Shantaram, Rajkamal Kalamandir Ltd., Bombay.

Shri B. N. Sircar, New Theatres Ltd., Calcutta.

Dr. R. P. Tripathi, Head of the History Department, Allahabad University.

Shri V. Shankar, I.C.S., representing Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

Shri S. Gopalan will act as Secretary to the Committee.

4. The Committee will visit important centres and will take evidence in accordance with the terms of reference. Persons who desire to be called as witnesses should apply in writing to the Secretary, Film Enquiry Committee, c/o Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi, giving their full names and addresses together with a brief memorandum on the points on which they desire to give evidence. It will of course rest with the Committee to decide what evidence they will hear.

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of the above Resolution be published in the *Gazette of India* and communicated to the Ministries of the Government of India, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Prime Minister's Secretariat, and to all Provincial Governments and Administrations and to the Ministry of States for communication to States and States Unions and a copy be also forwarded to the Secretary to the Committee for the information of the Committee.

P. C. CHAUDHURI,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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