

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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FILMS SERIALS ON SAINT GURU GHASI DASJI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines for making feature films/serials on the life of great personalities/saints of the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to make a feature film/serial on the life of great saint Guru Ghasi Dasji; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be produced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) The Government does not have any guidelines for making feature films/serials on the life of great personalities/saints of the country. National Film Development Corporation Ltd., (NFDC) set up to promote good quality cinema in the country, does not have any separate guidelines for making feature films/ serials on the life of great personalities/ saints in the country. However, there are guidelines/bye-laws for applying loans for production of feature films, production and co-production of films, 100 per cent finance etc. in various languages. Doordarshan also does not produce films. Films telecast on Doordarshan channels are obtained through private producers or NFDC on a minimum guaranteed revenue basis.

(b)&(c) Doordarshan has telecast a programme entitled `Satguru Shri Ghasi Das Baba - A musical feature` produced by M/s Kala Darpan under the Royalty category from Raipur Kendra on 16.12.99. Doordarshan has also telecast its in- house production titled `Sant Purush Baba Guru Ghasi Das` from both Bhopal and Raipur Kendra on 17.12.99. In addition to this DDK Raipur on 24.12.99 covered the birthday celebrations of the Sant in a weekly news-based programme `Hamare Aas Paas`.