

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

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka had asked the Union Government to postpone the 10-day International Film Festival of India 2001 scheduled to be held in October, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): No, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had regretted its inability to co-host the International Film Festival of India, 2001 on account of the severe drought conditions in the State, and suggested that the festival be cancelled. In view of this the Government decided to cancel the International Film Festival of India, 2001 which was scheduled to be held in Bangalore from 10th to 20th October 2001.