

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:274
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2002
DOWNSIZING OF I & B MINISTRY
ANANTA NAYAK;KANTI SINGH

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

- (a) whether Geeta Krishnan Committee has recommended closingdown of more than a dozen departments under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
- (b) whether there is a controversy between her Ministry and the Finance Ministry in regard to allocation of funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of employees likely to be rendered jobless due to closing down of these departments;
- (e) whether the Government propose to modernize these departments by restructuring them; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

- (a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 274 FC
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(a) :The Expenditure Reforms Commission has inter alia recommended winding up Films Division, Photo Division, Song & Drama Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Directorate of Publication Division, letting the Film Industry handle institutions like Film & Television Institute of India, Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Directorate of Film Festivals and Children's Film Society, India, disinvesting National Film Development Corporation Limited and Broadcast Engineering consultants India Limited and reducing/rationalising the role of other units.

(b) : No Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d), (e) & (f) : It has been decided to rationalize staff structure without in anyway impinging on the functioning of the various units, for which 1334 posts have been identified for abolition.