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

- (a) whether the Government has organised Kashmir Film Festival recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the public thereto;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to organize such more film festivals in other languages on the lines of Kashmir Film Festival; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI)

(a) to (d) : During the year 2004, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, in coordination with Government of Jammu & Kashmir had organized the following two festivals:-

(i) A Children's Film Festival was organized in Srinagar from 12-14th October, 2004. The inaugural film was 'Jeeo Aur Jeeno Do' which had won the award for the Best animation film in the 51st National Film Awards, 2004. In all six films were shown and around 2000 children saw these films.

(ii) Another film festival was also organised in Srinagar from 19th to 27th November, 2004. The inaugural function was followed by the screening of the digitally enhanced and coloured print of the Indian film classic MUGHAL – E – AZAM. The response of the film loving public was overwhelming and most of the shows went houseful. The audience who attended the screenings were estimated to be around 20,000 from 19th to 27th November, 2004. On the whole, the feedback from various quarters on the festival in the valley was quite encouraging.

Apart from above, the Children's Film society, India an autonomous body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had conducted District level Film Festivals for Children during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05. The total number of shows organised during these two years were 60 covering an audience of around 19,000.

No such festivals were organised in 2005 and 2006 so far.