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FEE FOR EXAMINATION OF FILMS BY CBFC

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

- (a) whether the Central Board of Film Certification levies fee for examination of every film and issue of a certificate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the year in which the rates were fixed;
- (c) whether the Government has delayed the decision to revise the rates during 1999 causing loss of revenue to ex-chequer;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of revenue loss by the Government due to aforesaid delay;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. As per the Rule 36 of the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983, the CBFC levies fees for examination of every film and issues necessary certificate.

(b) The rates of fees leviable were fixed in the year 1983. The details of the fees are as follows:

Table of fees

Part 1 35 millimetres / 70 millimetres films

(i)Rs. 20/- per 300 metres or part there of where the film does not exceed 600 metres in length.

(ii) Rs. 100/- per 300 metres or part thereof where the film exceeds 600 metres in length.

Part 2 16 millimetres

(i) Rs. 20/- per 120 metres or part there of where the film does not exceed 240 metres in length.

(ii) Rs. 100/- per 120 metres or part thereof where the film exceeds 240 metres in length.

Part 3 8 millimetres / super 8 films

(i)Rs. 20/- per 60 metres or part there of where the film does not exceed 120 metres in length.

(ii) Rs. 100/- per 60 metres or part thereof where the film exceeds 120 metres in length.

Part 3-A Video Films

(i) Rs. 40/- per 10 minutes of duration or part there of where the video film does not exceed 20 minutes of duration.

(ii) Rs. 200/- for every 10 minutes of duration or part thereof where the video film exceeds 20 minutes of duration subject to a minimum of Rs. 600/-.

Part 4 Films classified as predominantly Educational / Children`s films

(i) Rs. 20/- per 300 metres or part there of in 35 millimetres or in 70 millimetres: or

(ii) Rs. 20/- per 120 metres or part thereof in 16 millimetres: or

(iii) Rs. 20 per every 60 metres or part thereof in 8 millimetres or super 8, irrespective of the total length of the film;

(iv) Rs. 40 for every 10 minutes of duration or part thereof in case of video films.

(c), (d) and (e) CBFC is performing a statutory function and is not meant to be a profit generating organisation. There has been no revision in certification fees charged by CBFC since 1983.