

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government for the construction of a children's Film Complex which has been hosting the International Children's Film Festival since 1955;
- (b) whether after initial approval the scheme was deleted from the Tenth Five year Plan by the Planning Commission on the recommendation of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;
- (c) if so, reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government would reconsider its decision and sanction the project and release funds for the purpose;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) The International Children's Film Festival is organized by the Children's Film Society, India, once every two years since 1979. Collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh began in 1995. While the proposal of construction of Children's Film Complex at Hyderabad was under consideration [at different levels], the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) recommended the winding up of CFSI itself. It was felt that setting up a complete festival complex with offices and theatres for a festival held for a duration of seven days every two years would not justify the huge capital investment required. Based on this, the scheme was taken out from the 10th Five Year Plan. However, a proposal to revive the project of construction of a complex at Hyderabad is again under serious consideration of the Ministry.