

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:322
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2004
REPRESENTATION FROM SOUTH INDIAN FILM CHAMBER
Karunakaran Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the government has received any representation from the South Indian Film Chamber regarding their grievances;
- (b) if so, the nature of their grievances and action proposed to be taken by the Government for its redressal; and
- (c) the form of grants provided by the Government at present?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The representation deals with various issues relating to the film and broadcast sector, like suggestions to mitigate video and cable piracy, request for review of need to exhibit Indian News Review in theatres or waive the fee charged for such exhibition, fiscal benefits for the film industry, reduction of rates of cess charged on films etc.

Such proposals are evaluated on merit and taken up with concerned Ministries/ organisations as warranted. The endeavor is to facilitate the entertainment sector to achieve its potential and promote growth in exports, so that this sector is able to increase its contribution towards generating income and employment in the country.

(c) The Government does not have any scheme for providing grants to the film industry.