

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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POLICY FOR FILM INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the government propose to frame a National Policy for Film Industry; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. `Cinema` except for `certification of films` is a State subject. However, the central government has taken several initiatives to bring about changes in the entertainment sector in the interest of the overall development of this sector.

- Institutional and bank financing are now accessible to the entertainment industry.
- 100% Foreign Direct Investment is permissible in the sector.
- Government has led participation in global markets with a view to enhancing visibility of film industry.
- Film weeks and festivals are held on reciprocal basis with various countries.
- Audiovisual co-production agreements with other countries are being explored to expand avenues of finances and markets for the Indian film industry.
- The Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector set up to suggest a policy framework for the film industry has recommended reduction of entertainment tax, steps to counter piracy in the film sector, measures to facilitate foreign film shooting in India etc.
- A Venture Capital Committee has very recently suggested a strategy to facilitate the flow of venture capital into the sector.