

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:513
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of films for which the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting provided financial assistance during each of the last three years, till date;
- (b) the criteria for providing the said assistance; and
- (c) the names of the persons who have received such assistance ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 513 FOR ANSWER ON 29.04.2008.

(a) to (c) : The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have not directly provided financial assistance for making films during the last three years. However, the Ministry have got a film made on "Shooting locations" of India through the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), which is a Public Sector undertaking under this Ministry. Further, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) have not provided financial assistance for producing films during the last three years. NFDC have only produced/co-produced films during this period. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting have extended working capital loan of Rs. 19.77 crores to NFDC to meet its working capital requirement during the last three years. Out of this amount, NFDC have utilized Rs. 2.50 crores so far in co-production/production of six films. The details of these films are given in Annexure – A. In NFDC, Script Committee evaluates the scripts based on which they are put up to the Board of Directors for consideration, who take decision regarding production/co-production to be undertaken by the Corporation. Further, though Films Division and Children's Film Society, India (CFSI) have not provided financial assistance to any individual/ organization for producing films during the last three years, the Ministry have provided grants-in-aid to the CFSI and Plan and Non-Plan budgetary support to the Films Division, part of which have been used towards production of films. These films are produced in-house or through outside executive producers. Details of film produced by CFSI and Films Division through outside producers are at Annexures B & C respectively. Outside executive producers are selected on examination of the scripts and after considering the budget, creativity, merit and suitability of a producer for the film.