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FILMS ON SOCIAL ISSUES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make movies on socially relevant issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the 11th Five Year Plan; and
- (c) the total amount spent on such film, language-wise including Telugu language?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a): The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs. 30 crores for the production of 15 feature films by National Film Development Corporation Ltd., (NFDC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of I&B under the Plan Scheme "Film Production in various Regional Languages".

The Children's Film Society, India (CFSI) an autonomous organization under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, and the Films Division, a sub-ordinate organization of Ministry of I&B produce children's films/documentary films respectively on socially relevant issues with Plan and non-Plan assistance provided by the Government.

(b)& (c): NFDC produces /co-produces films in accordance with its production guidelines. During the 11th Five year Plan period so far, it has produced two films on socially relevant issues, namely Paltadacho Munis (The Man Beyond the Bridge) in Konkani and Haat (The Weekly Bazaar) in Rajasthani. The amount spent by NFDC on these films is Rs.3.54 crore.

CFSI has produced eight children's films one in Marathi, three in Hindi, one in Kannada, one in Gujarati, one in Malayalam, and one in English during the 11th Five year plan on which it has spent Rs. 3.47 crores. It has also dubbed three films in Tamil/Telugu/Kannada language at a cost of Rs. 15.76 Lakhs.

The Films Division has a proposal to produce thirty one documentary films on socially relevant issues such as environment, water shortage, female foeticide, organ donation etc. during the Eleventh Plan period.