

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

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REVAMP OF FILM AWARD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the National Film Award and International Film Festival of India (IFFI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN]

- (a) Yes Sir. Government has set up two Expert Committees for upgradation of National Film Awards (NFA) and International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- (b) The Government has constituted two Expert Committees comprising eminent film personalities associated with the field of Cinema for the purpose mentioned in answer to part (a) above. The Expert Committee on National Film Awards is mandated to make recommendations regarding upgradation of NFA including Dada Saheb Phalke Award. The Expert Committee on the upgradation of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is required to make recommendations regarding upgradation of IFFI on the lines of other reputed International Film Festivals as well as changes to be made in the selection of Indian Panorama films.
- (c) It is expected that the recommendations of both the Committees would be considered for implementation for the 57th National Film Award for the year 2009 and IFFI 2010.