

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

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ALLOCATION TO NFDC FOR FEATURE FILMS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the policy/guidelines framed by the Government to finance the production of films including South Indian feature films;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Government to the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the number of films financed by the NFDC for production of feature films in various languages including Tamil and Marathi;
- (d) the number of feature films financed by the NFDC which received critical acclaim and awards during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government/NFDC to produce more South Indian feature films during the 11th Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government has approved a Plan Scheme "Film Production in various regional languages" with an outlay of Rs. 46 crores for the 11th Plan period, out of which Rs. 36 crores has been earmarked for production of 15 films in various regional languages and 3 films in Hindi/English language. The Plan scheme is being implemented through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). The Plan Scheme provides for 100% financial assistance to the first time director of a film and co-production of films by NFDC with the private producers under the production guidelines of NFDC. NFDC has been provided funds under the aforesaid Plan Scheme during the last three years as under:

2007-08 - NIL

2008-09 - Rs. 6.50 crores

2009-10 - Rs. 7.84 crores

During the current year, Rs.5.00 crore has been provided to NFDC so far.

(c) NFDC has discontinued its policy of financing films with effect from 2006 and only produces and co-produces films from the funds allocated by the Government for this purpose. NFDC has produced six films till date from the funds allocated under the Eleventh Plan. No films have been produced in Tamil and Marathi in the period 2007-2010.

(d) A list of awards and festival participation is Annexed.

(e) Proposals are submitted by applicants for production and co-production of films in all languages in accordance with the Bye-laws and Regulations of NFDC. The same are processed as per extant guidelines and approved by the Board of Directors.