

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4016
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BAN ON INDIAN FILMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has issued an order to ban the release of Indian films throughout Pakistan on the occasion of Eid;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Chairman of the Film Exhibitors Association of Pakistan has registered objections to the ban on screening of Indian films on the occasion of Eid or termed it unfair; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b): Government has seen media reports regarding the decision of the Ministry of Culture of Pakistan of disallowing cinema halls from showing Indian films for two weeks during Eid.
- (c) & (d): There are also media reports mentioning that Pakistan Film Exhibitors Association has termed the proposal as unfair and conveyed that they would be appealing against the banning of Indian films.