

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3725
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010
NFFA TO AWARDS
Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

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

- (a) whether there are reports about major controversies in awarding the National Film Festival Award (NFFA) in the past few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; (
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so the outcome of such investigation;
- (e) whether the Government has laid down any criteria for the said awards;
- (f) if so, the detail thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such controversies?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir, there have been no major controversies in awarding National Film Awards(NFA) in the past few years;
- (b), (c) & (d) : Does not arise, in view of reply to part (a) above.
- (e), (f) & (g): National Film Awards are governed by Regulations, which are published and put in the public domain including placing it on the website, www.dff.nic.in . The Awards are decided on merit by an independent jury comprising, inter alia, eminent film personalities.