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PRODUCTION OF PATRIOTIC FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of patriotic films during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such films produced and telecast through various Doordarshan Kendras (DDKs) during each of the last three years and the current year; DDK-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote production of such films?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): No data is maintained by Government of India on the genre of films made every year. Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) does not maintain any category of "patriotic films". However, Films Division has produced seventeen patriotic films during the last three years and two in the current year.
- (c): Doordarshan normally does not undertake the production of feature films. However, Doordarshan has telecast 24 films with patriotic theme on 'DD National' Channel during the last three years including the current year.
- (d): The film industry is primarily in the private sector. However, Government acts as a facilitator and catalyst. It is the endeavour of the Government to encourage production of quality films in all categories. Organisations working under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting namely Films Division, National Film Development Corporation, Children's Film Society of India and Directorate of Film Festivals play an important role in meeting this objective through financial support, giving awards and organizing film festivals at the national and regional levels.