

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) Whether various film festivals are held in the country;
- (b) If so, the details of such festivals held during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise ;
- (c) The total funds allocated/expenditure incurred for the purpose during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) The criteria/ norms adopted for selecting movies for such events;
- (e) Whether any complaints have been received regarding selection of films for such festivals; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to bring transparency in the selection process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) to (f): The following Film Festivals are organized by Directorate of Film Festivals (DFF) under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, within the country:-

i) International Film Festival of India (IFFI) which is held in Goa every year.

ii) Mini-festivals in collaboration with different State Governments and embassies which include retrospectives of eminent film personalities, screening of Indian Panorama movies and National Film Awards winning movies.

Apart from the above, Children's Film Society, India (CFSI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting organizes International Children's Film Festival (ICFF) once in two years and State/District level film festivals throughout the country. Films Division (FD), under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting organizes Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films (MIFF) once in every two years. Films Division also organizes festivals of MIFF award winning films in State capitals and other cities in the country.

Details of Film Festivals organized by DFF, CFSI and FD during the last three years and the current year and the expenditure sanction issued/expenditure incurred are given at Annexure.

The films are selected as per provisions of Regulations notified for Indian Panorama, International Film Festival of India. The selections are carried out by independent jury and preview committee consisting of eminent people from the film fraternity. As regards children film festivals, a selection committee consisting of experts from field of cinema and allied subjects recommends films for the festivals. With regard to documentary film festivals, a two tier selection process of selection by a Selection Committee consisting of experts in the field and the Organizing Committee of the festival is being adopted by Films Division.

Broadly, the parameters/criteria are to give recognition to films of aesthetic and technical excellence and social relevance contributing to the understanding and appreciation of cultures of different regions of the country in cinematic form.

There were no complaints except one court case filed in Kerala High Court regarding inclusion of a jury member for Indian Panorama 2010 which was disposed of and a court case in the High Court of Bombay about non-selection of films of some film makers from Kolkata in the competition section of MIFF 2011, which was dismissed.