

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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 the Ministry has taken up any initiatives to organise film festivals in India and other countries under the Cultural Exchange Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated/ utilised for the purpose, so far?

Answer

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

(a): The Directorate of Film Festivals under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting organises film festivals in India and abroad under Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) with various countries.

(b): Following are the film festivals organised under CEP in India and abroad in the recent past:

i. Film festivals on War of Liberation of Bangladesh in Kolkata (9th – 11th December, 2011), Agartala (10th -12th February, 2012) and in Delhi (9th – 11th March, 2012)

ii. Indian Film festivals in Korea – Busan (24th – 26th February, 2012) and Seoul (1st to 6th March, 2012)

iii. Centenary of Indian Cinema Festival and Retrospective of Shri Soumitra Chatterjee in Dhaka, Bangladesh (1st to 8th September, 2012)

(c): Funds allocated for the festivals under CEP are given below:

Film festivals on War of Liberation of Bangladesh in Kolkata, Agartala and Delhi Rs.7,66,750/-
Indian Film festivals in Busan and Seoul, Korea Rs.6,73,252/-