GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4101 ANSWERED ON:18.12.2012 FUNDS TO NFDC Tanwar Shri Ashok

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

(a) the details of the financial assistance provided to the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of films financed by NFDC for production of films in various languages during the said period, language wise; and

(c) the details of the other steps taken by the Government/NFDC to promote and develop film industry in the country, so far?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has executed its Plan Scheme 'Film Production in various regional languages' through the NFDC during the 11th Five Year Plan and accordingly Rs 36.00 crores have bee allocated to produce 15 films in various regional languages and 3 films in Hindi/English language.

Government approved the following measures to revive NFDC during the year 2010-11.

1) Infusion of fresh equity of Rs. 3.00 crores

2) Conversion of outstanding Government loan of Rs. 19.77 crores alongwith accumulated interest of Rs. 8.63 crores into equity.

During the year 2012-13, Rs 13.60 crores has been released to NFDC against an allocation of Rs 17.00 crores for production of films in various Indian languages under the component 'Production of films and documentaries in various Indian languages' of the Main Secretariat's XIIth Plan Scheme 'Development, Communication and Dissemination of Filmic Content'.

The details of funds received by NFDC during each of last three years and the current year is as under-

Year Funds received for production Funds received for restoration			
of various Regional Films & Digitalisation of NFDC films			
(in crores) (in crores)			
2009-10	7.84	Nil	
2010-11	9.99	5.00	
2011-12	11.67	5.00	
2012-13	13.60	-	

(b) NFDC has discontinued financing of films with effect from 2006-07.

(c) Given NFDC's mandate to plan, promote and organize an integrated and efficient development of the film industry in accordance with the national economic policy and objectives laid down by the Central Government from time to time, NFDC has taken several steps to promote and develop the film industry in the country. Some of these executed by Ministry of I&B/ NFDC are as under-

i) Film production in various languages;

ii) Promotion of India Films at various International Film Markets in India and Abroad;

iii) Restoration, Digitalization; and

iv) Training and Development.