

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2553
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2012
SHAKUNTALAM THEATRE
Ramasubbu Shri S.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shakuntalam Theatre at Pragati Maidan owned by Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) has been closed recently;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation requesting for re-opening of the theatre in order to protect its past glory;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government of in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Regular screening of commercial films was discontinued from April 1, 2012.
- (b) It has been decided to utilise Shakuntalam Theatre as a venue for Seminars, Conferences and other trade promotion activities.
- (c) We have received about 25 representations from some members of public against the decision.
- (d) & (e) As per Terms and Conditions for lease of Pragati Maidan to ITPO, Shakuntalam Theatre as a part of Pragati Maidan can only be used for Seminars, Conferences and other trade promotion activities.