

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:427

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REGULATING CONTENT IN FILMS

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

- (a) whether violence/obscene/objectionable pictures/content are being depicted through films;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported along with the action taken thereon during each of the last three years and the current year, film-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to regulate/check such incidents in the films and to amend the rules of Central Board of Film Certification;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) Guidelines are also applied for regional films.
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Central Board of Film Certification is guided by Section 5B of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, which amongst other things also lays down that a film shall not be certified for public exhibition if it is against public order, decency or morality or involves defamation. Films cleared for unrestricted viewing are granted 'U' certificate; restricted to adults – an 'A' certificate and unrestricted public exhibition with endorsement – an 'UA' certificate. Keeping in mind the stipulated guiding principles of the Cinematograph Act 1952, films are certified and cleared for public exhibition.

(b): CBFC received 5 complaints in the year 2010, 10 in the year 2011 and 24 in the year 2012 (film-wise details are given in the annexure enclosed).

(c) & (d): CBFC is mandated under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 to examine films and grant certification. However, the I&B Ministry is revisiting the Cinematograph Act and Rules with the aim of responding to the needs of the hour. An expert Committee headed by a retired High Court Chief Justice has been set up to review the Cinematograph Act in a time bound manner.

(e): Yes.

(f): As per reply to parts (a), (c) and (d) above.