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MOVIE PIRACY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is among the top 10 nations in internet movie piracy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such crime?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) and (b): There is no official estimate available in quantitative terms to ascertain the extent of movie piracy on internet in India. However it is believed that internet movie piracy is there like in other copyright based industry.

(c): (i) Intellectual Property Rights for digital Content in the country is covered under Copyright Act, 1957 as amended and violations attract both fine and imprisonment penal action under section,63- 68 of Copyright Act.

(ii) Ministry of HRD has constituted a Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council (CEAC) with members from all concerned Departments and representatives from the industry including DGP`s of various States /UTs with twin objective of reviewing the progress of Enforcement of the Copyright Act and advise the Government for improvement of the Enforcement of Copyright Law. In pursuance to the recommendations of this council, MHRD has requested the State Government /UTs to set up Special Cells. All States/ UTs have responded well and have set up a Cell State Police System to effectively handle the Copyright Piracy. In pursuance to the recommendations of this Council, all States/UTs have also been requested to appoint Nodal Officers in the State Administration to have proper appreciation of the Copyright Law in the State Governments so that they effectively contribute to development of Copyright Industry. Majority of the States /UTs have appointed the Nodal Officers dealing with copyright enforcement matters. These details are being updated by MHRD in consultation with States/UTs.