

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITATION OF FILM PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has set up a Committee on Promotion and Facilitation of Film Production to give a boost to shooting of films by the Indian industry and foreigners and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether under the above system, there is a proposal to give boost to tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of action taken to address any probable security risks from foreign film makers in the country;
- (d) whether such a facility is enjoyed by Indian film makers in foreign countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b): To give impetus to film and tourism sectors in India, an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Promotion and Facilitation of Film Production in India has been set up in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The Committee is to act as a 'single-window' at the central level to facilitate permissions for the foreign and domestic filmmakers for shooting feature films, short films and TV programmes in India. This committee will act as a facilitator for film production and film shooting in India.

(c): As per the Visa Manual and norms which are currently being followed by I&B Ministry, as soon as the permission for film shooting is received in Ministry, the complete details of crew members & shooting locations are forwarded to Ministry of Home Affairs for security clearance. Final permission issued by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is based on Ministry of Home Affairs clearance. Once Ministry of I&B issues permission letter, relevant Indian Mission overseas issue visas to foreign crew.

(d): Since film making is largely in private hands no information is forthcoming on such facilities enjoyed by Indian film makers overseas when they venture to shoot abroad.

(e): Question does not arise.