

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

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INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL IN ABROAD
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government conducts any regular Indian film festivals abroad in coordination with Indian Embassies to promote India's 'Soft Power'; and

(b) If so, the details thereof during the last three years along with the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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(a) & (b) – The Directorate of Film Festivals under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organizes Film Festivals in association with our Embassies abroad. The details of film festivals abroad organized for the last three years are given below:-

Year Name of the Festival
2012 Indian Film Festival in Brazil
Centenary Film Festival, Geneva, Switzerland
2013 Centenary Film Festival, Bangladesh
Centenary Film Festival, Jakarta, Indonesia
2014 Indian Film Festival, China

Apart from the above, films are also sent to various other festivals in India and abroad for participation.

Expenditure towards organization of/participation in Film Festivals in India and abroad is met out of the Plan Component "Participation and Conduct of Film Festivals in India and Abroad". The allocation and the expenditure for the last three years for the Component is given below:-

(Rupees in crore)
Year B.E. R.E. Expenditure
2012-13 1.25 1.25 1.03
2013-14 0.70 1.30 1.22
2014-15 2.00 2.70 1.72
(upto Feb 2015)