

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

- (a) whether there has been a sharp decline in production of patriotic films in the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of patriotic films produced and telecast by Doordarshan during the last three years, till date;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote production of patriotic film and curbing production of action films; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.):

- (a) & (b) : No data is maintained by Government of India on the genre of films made every year, as the film industry is mainly private driven. However, Film Division under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has produced 27 patriotic documentary films during the last five years.
- (c) : Doordarshan normally does not undertake the production of feature films. However Doordarshan has telecast 17 films with patriotic theme on "DD National Channel" during the last three years including the current year.
- (d) & (e) : The film industry is primarily in the private sector. However, the Government acts as a facilitator and catalyst. It is the endeavour of the Government to encourage production of quality films in all categories. Organisations working under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting namely Film Division, National Film Development Corporation, Children Film Society of India and Directorate of Film Festivals play an important role in meeting this objective through financial support, giving awards and organizing film festivals at the national and regional levels.