

Title: Need to screen films on children on regular basis and provide necessary grants for this purpose- Laid.

DR. RAMANADIU DAGGUBATI (BAPATLA) : The weeklong First Asian Children's film festival was held successfully in Hyderabad in November, 2002. Many dignitaries besides children appreciated and enjoyed the screenings. The festival concluded with a plea for separate cinema houses to screen children's films and reduce entertainment tax for children's film. The Children's films are means of education and should be screened on a regular basis. I think such film festivals have to grow right upto the international level.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to look into the matter and sanction grant or subsidies for this purpose and request all States to build separate cinema houses with assistance from Union Government where children's films could be screened on a regular basis as children learn a lot and understand about races and cultures of different nations. One cannot change or teach adults but children could be definitely moulded for which assistance from Centre is needed.