

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2574
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020**

MIFF-2020

**2574. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
 DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
 DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:
 SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
 SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:
 DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has hosted 16th MIFF-2020 (Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of documentary, short fiction and animation films from different countries that were screened in the festival;
- (c) whether this festival has helped Indian documentary, short fiction and animation films to reach other parts of the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any objective was set for the said film festival and if so, the details thereof along with the benefits derived therefrom;
- (e) the funds allocated and utilized for this festival; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to promote and popularize documentary and short films made in the country and also create market for the same in the foreign countries?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE;
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The 16th MIFF-2020 was successfully organized from 28th January to 3rd February, 2020. During the festival, a total of 305 documentary, short fiction and animation films were screened from India and 35 foreign countries. Since films personalities including jury members from various countries abroad participated in MIFF-2020, it helped Indian documentary, short fiction and animation films to reach other parts of the world. MIFF provides a platform for filmmakers to watch best documentary films from across the globe, understand the new trends in film making and to create a network, interact and develop productive contacts with film makers, mentors distributors and co-producers. MIFF also aims to encourage documentary, short fiction and animation filmmakers to look for new ideas and make good films by giving them awards including cash prizes. MIFF gives exposure to very best films in non-feature genre along with workshops and master classes on technical and aesthetic aspects of film making by experts. An amount of Rs.455.00 lakhs has been allocated to organize 16th MIFF-2020. The entire allocated amount has been utilized for organizing the festival. Besides, Mini MIFF showcasing the award winning films of MIFF-2020 is organized in various parts of the country in collaboration with film clubs, media institutions and Government organizations. The documentaries produced by Films Division are screened in major Indian and International film festivals. Films are also screened through Indian missions abroad with the help of Ministry of External Affairs.
