

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1038
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017)**

BAN ON SMOKING SCENES ON DOORDARSHAN

1038. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to issue guidelines to be followed before giving permission for the screening of serials or movies showing the scenes of smoking on Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status regarding imposing a ban on the scenes of smoking in movies and in the serials of Doordarshan?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Prasar Bharati has informed that the films telecast by Doordarshan are certified by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) who ensure compliance of all related guidelines. CBFC has implemented the notification issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide their notification No. GSR 708(E) dated 21.9.2012 containing guidelines regarding health spots to be carried during depiction of smoking scenes in films screened in film theatres. The scenes depicting on smoking in movies including serials/programmes are telecast on Doordarshan with statutory warning scrolled during such scenes.
