

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*69
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF SHYAM BENEGAL COMMITTEE

***69. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

be pleased to state

- (a) the details of the progress made by Government in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report of the Expert Committee headed by Shri Shyam Benegal to recommend changes to the Cinematograph Act, 1952 for bringing transparency in the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC); and
- (b) the number of recommendations which have been accepted and those which are under consideration?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE
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(a) & (b): The Committee of Experts constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Shyam Benegal submitted first part of its report in April, 2016 and final part in June, 2016. The report submitted by Committee of Experts was examined clause wise in the Ministry. Majority of the recommendations contained in the report require amendment in the Cinematograph Act and Rules. It was felt that implementation of the recommendations, especially those requiring important amendments in the Act/Rules, be done after further consultations.

A Consultation meeting between the then Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Minister of Law and Justice, Minister of Finance and Minister of Human Resources Development was held on 16th March, 2017 to deliberate on the issue of repeal/amendment of the Cinematograph Act. Another round of consultation in this regard by the then Hon'ble Minister with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and the representatives of Film Industries was held on 06.06.2017 at Mumbai. However, consensus could not be arrived at in respect of many of the recommendations made by the Committee.
