

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1120**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017**

**28<sup>th</sup> STATE INFORMATION MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

**1120. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA; SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN; SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR; SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO; SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR; SHRI KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH; DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD.**

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

- (a) Whether the 28th State Information Ministers' Conference was held recently in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) The details of State representatives who attended the said conference, State/UT wise;
- (c) The details of issues discussed along with the outcome thereof; and
- (d) The steps taken/being taken by the Govt. to promote partnership in the dissemination process between Centre and States enabling effective communication to the people and on sector specific collaboration in the Films, Broadcasting and Information Sector?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b)** The 28th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON) was held in Vigyan Bhawan on 9th-10th December 2016 wherein the State Information Ministers, Chief Secretaries, Principal Information Secretaries, Resident Commissioners and representatives participated.

SIMCON aimed at enabling effective communication to the people and on sector specific collaboration in the Films, Broadcasting and Information Sectors between the Centre and the States. The details of the participants of the 28th SIMCON are placed at 'ANNEXURE-'A'.

**(c) & (d)** Various issues related to Films, Information & Broadcasting Sector were discussed during the two days State Information Ministers Conference (SIMCON) on 9th & 10th December, 2016. Issues related to Doordarshan & All India Radio were also included as part of agenda for discussions with the states. The details are placed at **Annexure 'B'**.

All the above issues of mutual interest were discussed to facilitate discussions between the States and Centre in the spirit of mutual partnership and co-operative federalism.

**(ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARA (A) & (B) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO. 1120 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017)**

**List of Delegates who participated in 28<sup>th</sup> SIMCON (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2016) held at Vigyan Bhawan**

<b>S No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Delegates from States</b>
1	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	(1.) Shri P. Raghunatha Reddy, Minister of I&PR, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (2.) Shri P Kiran Kumar, Joint Director, I&PR Deptt., Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (3.) Shri K V Mohan Rao, IPS, SP, CID, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (4.) Shri S. Venkateswar, IIS, Commissioner, I&PR Department
2	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	(1.) Shri Bamang Felix, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (2.) Shri Talom Tapak, IAS, Secretary (IPR), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (3.) Ms. Geetanjali Gupta, IAS, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh (4.) Shri Obang Tayeng, Director, I&PR, Arunachal Pradesh
3	<b>Assam</b>	(1.) Shri Pallab Lochan Das, Minister of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Govt. of Assam (2.) Ms. Madhurima Barua Sen, Secretary, I&PR, Govt. of Assam (3.) Shri Tapan Das, P.A. Minister I.T., Govt. of Assam
4	<b>Bihar</b>	(1.) Shri Vipin Kumar, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar (2.) Shri Navin Kumar, Dept. of Info. Tech, Govt. of Bihar (3.) Ms. Mamta S. Ojha, Secy to Resident Commissioner-cum-Liaison Officer, Bihar Bhawan
5	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	(1.) Shri Santosh K. Misra, IAS, Secretary, PR, Govt. of Chhattisgarh (2.) Shri Sanjay Ojha, Resident Commissioner, Govt. of Chhattisgarh (3.) Shri Umesh Mishra, Govt. of Chhattisgarh (4.) Shri Rajesh Sukumar Toppo, Director, Chhattisgarh PR Department, Govt. of Chhattisgarh (5.) Shri Sunil Singh, Deputy Director, Govt. of Chhattisgarh
6	<b>Goa</b>	(1.) Shri R K Srivastava, Chief Secretary, Goa