

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1031
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017)**

EXCLUSION OF MOVIES FROM IFFI, 2017

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

(a) whether the members of Indian Panorama Jury at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), 2017 has shown concern over exclusion of the movies 'Nude' and 'S. Durga' from the festival;

(b) if so, the details in regard to reasons for exclusion of those movies from the festival and the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Some members of the Indian Panorama feature film jury showed concern over exclusion of the movies 'Nude' and 'S. Durga' from the Indian Panorama 2017 selections.

Mere selection of a film by the jury is not sufficient to exhibit the film in the festival. The film must either be certified by the Central Board of Certification for public exhibition or an exemption from certification from the government is required. Both these films did not meet this requirement.

The film "Sexy Durga" and not "S Durga" had applied for Indian Panorama section.
