

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 698
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2019)**

FILM FESTIVALS OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES

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

- a) Whether various regional languages film festivals are organized in the country;
- b) if so, the details of the regional film festivals organized during each of the last three year and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- c) the total expenditure incurred for the said purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to film-makers whose films are selected in competition section of an International Film Festival;
- e) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, Film-wise; and
- f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the regional language films in the country as well as at International Level?

ANSWER

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

(a to c) Yes, Madam. The details of the regional language film festivals and the financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are attached as **Annexure 'A'**;

(d & e) Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is providing financial assistance to Indian Films which are selected in various International Film Festivals, namely Oscars, Toronto, Bussan, Berlin etc. During the last three years financial assistance has been provided to two films in 2017-18, namely 'Newton' (Rs.6,68,051/-) and 'Loktak Lairembee' (Rs.8,70,396/-), which were selected in the Berlin International Film Festival.

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f) Every year, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting organizes National Film Awards wherein films from across the country in Hindi/Regional Languages are awarded under different categories.

Also, every year, films are selected for Indian Panorama section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI). From these entries, 47 Films, including 26 Feature Films and 21 Non-Feature films, are selected in various Indian languages.

Indian Panorama films are screened in IFFI as well as in various Indian & International Film Festivals and Indian Film Weeks/ festivals abroad.

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Annexure 'A'**Film Festivals of Regional Language Films**

S. No	Name of Festival	Date	State/U.T.	Financial Assistance provided by M/o I&B
2016				
1	Indian Panorama Film Festival in Patna	February, 2016	Bihar	--
2	Indian Panorama Film Festival in Bengaluru	March, 2016	Karnataka	648315
3	North-East Film Festival in Mysore	July, 2016	Karnataka	--
4	Screening of 63 rd National Award winning films in NFAI, Pune	May, 2016	Maharashtra	--
5	Indian Panorama Film Festival in Shillong	August, 2016	Meghalaya	808600
6	Patriotic Film Festival in Wardha	September – October, 2016	Gujarat	300000
7	Patriotic Film Festival in Jorhat	September – October, 2016	Assam	300000
8	Patriotic Film Festival in Kolhapur	December 2016	Maharashtra	191772
2017				
1	Indian Panorama Public Screening	January 2017	New Delhi	615919
2	3rd Rajasthan In'l Film Festival	January 2017	Rajasthan	--
3	North East Film Festival in Pune	January 2017	Maharashtra	4475032
4	Pune Int'l Film Festival, Pune	January 2017	Maharashtra	--
5	Bhojpuri Film Festival	February 2017	New Delhi	678044
6	Patriotic Film Festival in Rohtas	February 2017	Bihar	224400
7	Patriotic Film Festival, Itanagar	February 2017	Arunachal Pradesh	300000
8	Patriotic Film Festival Indore, Indore	February, 2017	Madhya Pardesh	163535
9	Patriotic Film Festival In Jharkhand	March, 2017	Jharkhand	300000
10	Patriotic Film Festival In Guwahati	March 2017	Assam	300000
11	Patriotic Film Festival in Banka	March 2017	Bihar	220471
12	Patriotic Film Festival, Chhattisgarh	March 2017	Chhattisgarh	224000
13	Patriotic Film Festival, Uttar Pradesh	March 2017	Uttar Pradesh	258500
14	Patriotic Film Festival in Gurdaspur	March 2017	Punjab	267440
15	International Spiritual Film Festival , Varanasi	March 2017	Uttar Pradesh	375000

16	Mahatma Gandhi Film Festival in Motihari	April 2017	Bihar	--
17	Kashmir World Film Festival.	April 2017	Kashmir	1000000
18	Patriotic Film Festival in Coimbatore	May 2017	New Delhi	300000
19	Patriotic Film Festival in Nalanda	July 2017	Bihar	300000
2018				
1.	15 Mumbai Int'l film festival in Mumbai	February, 2018	Maharashtra	--
2.	13th International film festival in Thrissur	March 2018	Kerala	--
3.	Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Organized film festival, Deharadun	March 2018	Uttrakhand	--
4.	Indian Film Festival In Rishikesh	March 2018	Uttrakhand	--
5.	Swachchata Bharat Festival, Puducherry	September 2018	Puducherry	107780
6.	150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Nagaon	October - November, 2018	Assam	300000
7.	International Film Festival of India, Goa Jharkhand featured a State Focus section	November - December, 2018	Jharkhand	--
8.	India-China Film Festival	December 2018	New Delhi	416493
9.	Public Screening of Indian Panorama 2018 Films	January, 2019	New Delhi	1135346
10	Indian Panorama Films in Rajasthan Film Festival	January, 2019	Rajasthan	--

Note: '—' means that only Films to be screened during the festival were provided by the Ministry from the films selected for National Film Awards and International Film Festival of India. The financial expenditure was borne by the respective State Governments.