

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 45**  
**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.06.2019)**

**REGIONAL LANGUAGE FILM FESTIVALS**

**45** SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether regional language film festivals are organized in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such festivals organized along with the total expenditure incurred for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is providing financial assistance to filmmakers whose films are selected in the competition section of international film festivals;
- (d) 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
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote regional language films at national and international levels?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE; AND  
MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. Regional language film festivals are organised in the country.
- (b) The information on regional language film festivals organized till date and financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is attached as **Annexure 'A'**.

(c & d) 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.

e) 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.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has started patriotic film festival to mark the 70 years of Indian Independence under the banner "70 Saal Azaadi, Yaad Karo Kurbanii" as part of the Ministry of Defence programme related to Independence Day celebrations from August 12-18, 2016 at Sirifort Auditorium Complex, New Delhi.

Under BRICS Film Festival world class film productions from the BRICS nations i.e. Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa are being screened to inspire more collaboration. The format of the festival consisted of screening two feature films from each country in the competition category and three films in the non-competition category.

In addition to the Indian Panorama films, films selected in the National Film Awards are also sent for participation as well as special screening in the various Indian and International Film Festivals organized by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting through Directorate of Film Festival.

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

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**Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 45 for 21.06.2019 regarding Regional Language Film Festivals**

S. No	Name of Festival	Date	State/U.T.	Financial Assistance provided by M/o I&B
<b>2016</b>				
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 <sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>2017</b>				
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 Pradesh	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
<b>2018</b>				
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 born by the respective State Governments.