

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2117  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2022**

**Regional Film Makers**

**2117: SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any planning for encouraging and for needful support to regional film makers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has any specific planning for growth and support of film industry in Gujarat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING; AND  
MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

**(a) to (d) National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) under the aegis of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, produces & co-produces feature films in various Indian languages under the Central Sector Scheme “Development, Communication and Dissemination of Filmic Content (DCDFC)” to encourage debutant filmmakers by undertaking production of their first feature film and Co-production of good quality films in partnership with private filmmakers both from India and abroad.**

**The Government through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) has been organizing Film Bazaar every year at Goa on the side lines of International Film Festival of India. Over the years, the Film Bazaar has seen participation of major states with their respective Film Offices at the Film Bazaar in order to showcase their locations along with the incentives being offered, to various filmmakers from India and abroad.**

**The Central Government set up Film Facilitation Office (FFO) in 2015 which is responsible for online single window facilitation and clearance mechanism that eases the process of filming/shooting in India. The Film Facilitation Office regularly interacts with various State Governments and Union Territory administrations including the State of Gujarat, through its network of nodal officers, to provide inputs for the growth and support of the film industry including regional film industry.**

**Further, Most Film Friendly State (MFFS) Award under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has been initiated as a category under the National Film Awards in an endeavour to encourage the State Governments to be more proactive towards creating a film friendly environment. Executed by the FFO, the award is a great step towards motivating the State Governments and recognising their efforts towards easing filming in their states. The following states have so far been awarded – Gujarat (2015), Uttar Pradesh (2016, Special Mention 2020), Madhya Pradesh (2017, 2019 & 2020), Uttarakhand (2018, Special Mention 2020) and Sikkim (2019).**

**Apart from the above, a cohesive ecosystem of Nodal Officers has also been established in key Central Government Ministries/Departments and across 36 State Governments, including Union Territories to accord filming permission and ensure ease of filming in their respective jurisdiction.**

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