GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2544 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FILMMAKERS

2544: DR. HEENA GAVIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to filmmakers whose films are selected in competition section of an International film festival of repute or India's official nomination for academy awards under foreign film category, if so, the details thereof along with nodal agency for implementing this activity;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any procedure for getting this financial assistance, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of filmmakers who have been provided financial assistance during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government is also promoting persons with disability to show their talent by organizing film festival on or for differently-abled persons, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote Indian movies at International Films Festivals including the Oscars?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE; MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR):

- (a), (b) & (e): The Ministry provides financial assistance under Film Promotion Fund Activity to those filmmakers whose films are selected in competition section of an international film festival of repute or Academy Awards. Directorate of Film Festivals has been designated as the nodal agency to implement this activity. The guidelines and procedures for this activity has been published on the official website of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting viz. https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/Film_Promotion_Fund_-procedure.pdf
- (c) Two films have been provided financial assistance under Film Promotion Fund Activity during 2017-18.
- (d) No, Sir.