

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2788
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021**

UPGRADATION/MODERNIZATION OF CBFC

**2788: SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**

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

- (a) whether CBFC is implementing a plan component with a view to upgrading/modernizing its infrastructure as well as making certification process online, if so, the details thereof and the achievement made therein;
- (b) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during each of the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether the Government has interacted with film industry and other stakeholders about the benefit of starting online certification process and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to make big changes with regard to checking the surrogate advertising of products in films; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such decision is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. “Upgradation, Modernization and Expansion of CBFC and Certification Process” is a component of the 12th Plan Scheme ‘Infrastructure Development Programme relating to Film Sector’ being implemented by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) with a view to upgrading/modernizing its infrastructure as well as making the certification process online.

The Online Certification System of CBFC, ‘e-cinepramaan’, has been developed and has come into force on 1st April, 2017. The submission and processing of applications for certification as well as payments for certification fees is being done online since launch of ‘e-cinepramaan’. The website of CBFC has been developed and digitalization of previous issued certificates for films has been done. Revamping of website and cloud computing is being implemented. All Regional office spaces are being modernized and upgraded with hardware and software for film certification.

(b) The funds allocated by the Government for the upgradation, modernization and expansion of CBFC and certification process during each of the last three years and current year is as follows:

Year	Funds allocated (Rupees in Crore)
2017-18	2.00
2018-19	0.75
2019-20	0.70
2020-21	3.40

(c): Yes, Sir. A demo-cum-interaction was held with the film industry and other stakeholders on 11.12.2015 about the benefit of starting online certification process. Thereafter, the online certification system of CBFC, 'e-cinepramaan', was launched in April, 2017 and has been implemented. An interaction with the stakeholders of film industry was held on 06.08.2020 to seek their feedback and changes required for making the regulatory framework of online certification process more simple and effective.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.
