

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3812**

**(TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2021)**

**TELECAST REGIONAL FEATURE FILMS**

**3812. SHRI C. LALROSANGA:**

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

- (a) whether a high-level team of Film section of Doordarshan visited Guwahati two/three years back and held a meeting with different Feature Films Producers regarding telecast of Regional Feature Films in different Doordarshan Channels of the North East;**
- (b) if so, the details and the action initiated after this meeting;**
- (c) the details and the number of Feature Films in Regional languages in BCN Format, U-Matic Format, Betacam Format, DVC Pro Format available in different tape libraries of capital stations of Doordarshan in North Eastern Region; and**

**(d) the steps taken by Prasar Bharati to transfer the programmes to digital format and preserve these feature films, Doordarshan Kendra-wise break-up of the programmes?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati conducts consultations with various stakeholders to seek inputs for Content Policies. Accordingly, an open house meeting was held on 20.09.2019 at Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati to seek inputs.**

**Based on inputs and feedback received from across field units in India, a decision was taken by the Prasar Bharati Board in its 167<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17.06.2021. Prasar Bharati has accordingly notified a comprehensive film policy for procurement of feature films of different categories including regional and award winning films, namely, "Policy for Procurement of Feature Films for Prasar Bharati Platforms on Fixed License Fee - 2021" vide notification No. 03/2021-Ops. dated 12.11.2021.**

**(c) & (d): No copyrighted or licensed regional films with valid Rights/Licenses in any format are currently available with the North Eastern Stations. Prasar Bharati has also not produced, or owned any regional feature films and hence does not possess Rights for the same.**

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