

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.933
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2015**

FILM FESTIVAL FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS

933: SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT, MP

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the Government considering for organising an international film festival on or for differently-abled persons; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)] :

(a) to (b) : The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with National Film Development Corporation, Mumbai (NFDC) is organizing the first International Film Festival for Persons with disabilities (IFFPD) from 1st to 3rd December, 2015 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. The film festival has been conceptualized to honour the contributions of persons with disabilities on the occasion of International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

India and eighteen other countries are participating in the festival. A total number of 40 films (16 short films, 14 documentaries and 10 feature films) have been shortlisted for screening during the film festival, out of a large number of national and international entries received, by a panel of eminent curators. The films chosen for screening relate to different categories of disabilities.

There are also awards for Best Film and Best Director in each of the three categories of films with certificates and cash component.
