

Regarding need to reopen the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Centre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-Laid

DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): I wish to draw the attention of the Hon?ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting to the recent closure of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) centre in Thiruvananthapuram, following staff transfers mandated by NFDC. This decision has caused considerable disruption within Kerala?s film fraternity, affecting countless cinema artists and pensioners who have long relied on the centre?s services and support. For over three decades, the Thiruvananthapuram?s NDFC has been a cornerstone of Kerala's cinematic heritage, nurturing talent and promoting regional cinema. Its closure not only jeopardises the livelihoods of many in the local film industry but also reflects a troubling disregard for the preservation of cultural legacy. With the Thiruvananthapuram centre no longer operational, the Chennai regional office remains the sole NFDC presence in South India, leaving a significant gap in support for artists and filmmakers in the region. I therefore, urge the Hon?ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting to intervene and facilitate the reopening of the Thiruvananthapuram NFDC Centre which is essential to ensure the preservation of Kerala's rich cultural heritage as also the continued development of regional cinema.