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

- (a) whether the National Film Development Corporation of India is reluctant to finance to make films;
- (b) if so, the NFDC does not give or finance to make film in other languages more than Rs.45,00,000/- each; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) (b) & (c) National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC`s) operations inter alia include producing/co-producing and financing good quality films, with special emphasis on small budget filmmakers, subject to the appraisal procedure followed for such purposes.

However, NFDC has limited resources and provides upto Rs. 40 lakhs for producing a film. In case the production costs tend to be higher, the Corporation may allot funds based on project appraisal. The main focus of the Corporation is to help new and deserving filmmakers to make low budget films. For films with bigger budgets, funds are available from commercial banks and IDBI.