

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON INDIAN FILMS/ARTISTS BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India took up with Pakistan the issue of ban on Indian films during the SAARC Information Minister's Conference held recently;
- (b) if so, whether the issue of ban on Indian artists performing in Pakistan was also taken up; and
- (c) if so, the response of Pakistan to the said matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Bilateral issues are, not taken up in SAARC fora. However, Indian Film personalities did have an opportunity to interact with SAARC Ministers on an informal level basis to sensitise them on their concerns.