

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4169
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
CENSOR BOARD
Appadurai Shri M.

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

- (a) the criteria for nominating a member on the Censor Board;
- (b) whether all the Members have been nominated to the Censor Board for this year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which these are likely to be nominated?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Board members of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) are appointed in accordance with section 3(1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, which states that 'For the purpose of sanctioning films for public exhibition, the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Board to be called the Board of Film Certification which shall consist of a Chairman and not less than twelve and not more than twenty five other members appointed by the Central Government.' No specific criteria as such have been prescribed in the Act for nominating members to the Board. The present Board of CBFC comprises a Chairperson and 22 members. Details are as per Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4169 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.04.2005

| S.No | Name | Date of Notification | Chairperson |
|------|--|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Smt. Sharmila Tagore | 13.10.2004 | Members |
| 1. | Smt. Mrinal Pandey | 05.02.2005 | |
| 2. | Shri Sanjiv Goenka | 05.02.2005 | |
| 3. | Shri L. Suresh | 05.02.2005 | |
| 4. | Dr. Mrunalini D. Patel | 05.02.2005 | |
| 5. | Shri T.S.S. Chauhan | 05.02.2005 | |
| 6. | Shri Himanshu Joshi | 05.02.2005 | |
| 7. | Shri P.S. Bhaktavatsalam alias Ponneelan | 05.02.2005 | |
| 8. | Shri Shravan Shroff | 05.02.2005 | |
| 9. | Shri M.V. Bhaskar Rao | 05.02.2005 | |
| 10. | Shri Virendra Saxena | 05.02.2005 | |
| 11. | Shri K.T. Mahi | 05.02.2005 | |
| 12. | Shri Sanjeev Bhargava | 05.02.2005 | |
| 13. | Shri A. Natarajan | 05.02.2005 | |
| 14. | Shri Vinod K. Bakshi | 05.02.2005 | |
| 15. | Shri Krishna Mohan | 05.02.2005 | |
| 16. | Shri Anis Durrani | 05.02.2005 | |
| 17. | Smt. Bobbeeta Sharma | 05.02.2005 | |
| 18. | Dr. (Smt.) Priyambada Mohanty Hejmadi | 05.02.2005 | |

19. Dr. (Ms) Shanta P. Halagi 05.02.2005
20. Smt. K. Indira Banerjee 05.02.2005
21. Shri Rajiv Arora 05.02.2005
22. Shri Tom Vadakkan 03.03.2005