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DEVELOPMENT OF FILM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government is aware that some State Governments are providing various incentives/ facilities to the film industry;
- (b) If so, whether the Union Government has any long term policy for overall development of film industry in the country; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.DASMUNSI)

- (a) 'Cinema' except "certification of films for public exhibition" is a State subject. As such, various incentives are provided to the film industry in different States by the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations.
- (b) & (c) In the overall interest of the development of the film industry in India, the Central Government has also taken the following initiatives to bring about changes in this sector:
- Institutional and bank financing are now accessible to the entertainment industry.
 - 100% Foreign Direct Investment is permissible in the film sector.
 - Government has led participation in global markets with a view to enhancing visibility of film industry.
 - Film weeks and festivals are held on reciprocal basis with various countries.
 - An audiovisual co production agreement has been signed with the Republic of Italy and similar proposals from other countries are being explored to expand avenues of finances and markets for the Indian film industry.
 - The Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector, a sub-committee of the State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON), set up to suggest a policy framework for the film industry has recommended reduction of entertainment tax; steps to counter piracy in the film sector, measures to facilitate foreign film shooting in India etc.
 - The National Film Development Corporation, a public sector unit under this Ministry provides limited funding for films and oversees the integrated growth of the film industry in tune with objectives of the national economic policy.