

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCREENING OF FILM WITH CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned, 'Film inspired Seths killers' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the June 26, 2004;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to stop screening of films with criminal background as majority of children are addicting to crimes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) The film mentioned in the news-item captioned 'Film inspired Seth's killers' 'Hum se Hai Zamaana' was certified on 8.8.83 as per the guidelines framed under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Board recommended 'U' Certificate subject to cuts.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The films are certified by CBFC under Section 5 B (1) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 and guidelines thereunder. Care is taken to see that no unnecessary violence is depicted in the films. The following guidelines are relevant:-

2(I) Anti-social activities such as violence are not glorified or justified(.)

2(II) The modus operandi of criminals, other visual or words likely to incite commission of any offence are not depicted (.)

2(III) Scenes-

(A) Showing involvement of children in violence as victims or as perpetrators or as forced witnesses to violence, or showing children as being subjected to any form of child abuse(.)

(B) Showing abuse or ridicule of physically and mentally handicapped persons; and

(C) Showing cruelty to, or abuse of animals are not presented needlessly(.)

2(IV) Pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror, scenes or violence primarily intended to provide entertainment and such scenes as may have the effect of desensitizing or dehumanizing people are not shown (.)