

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

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SELECTION OF MOVIES  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for selecting the movies for telecast under BIOSCOPE programme being telecast on National Channels;
- (b) whether the Government has received any complaints from viewers that most of the time very poor and mediocre films are being telecast under this programme;
- (c) if so, the steps the Government has taken or propose to take in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to constitute a committee of experts for selection of movies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that the films under Bioscope category are selected from the offers received in response to advertisement and selected by short-listing committee. They have further informed that entertaining and popular films from the earlier era preferably before 1979 are shown in serialized form on Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday at 11.00 PM on Doordarshan's National Network.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) : Prasar Bharati has informed that a shortlisting committee comprising of three outside experts, (who are eminent journalists, Film Critics, etc.) and three ex-officio members i.e. DDG(Marketing), Director(Films), & Director, DDK, Mumbai, already exists, which selects the movies for telecast.