

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1313
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2004
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) The film for which the MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING provided financial assistance during the last three years alongwith film-wise details thereof ;
- (b) the criteria for providing the said assistance;
- (c) the names and addresses of the person who received the said assistance; and
- (d) the number of film completed out of the above and the places where these were screened ?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) & (d): As per annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1313 FOR 15.7.2004

REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FILMS

(a),(b),(c) and (d): The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting does not provide financial assistance for production of films. However, the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), which is a PSU under the Ministry extends financial assistance to young talented film makers to make small budget films with aesthetic excellence. The financial assistance up to 75% of the cost of production not exceeding Rs. 25.00 lakhs is given based on films scripts committee and with the approval of the board. The corporation also extends financial assistance for film production in all regional languages by providing 100% finance not exceeding Rs. 40.00 lakhs per film.

The Childrens Film Society, India and the Films Division under this Ministry commission films, but, they do not provide financial assistance to Producers

The details of financial assistance provided by the NFDC during the last three years along with details of films, name of the film makers who received the financial assistance to make the films are given below:

2001-2002

Sl.No Name of Film makers/Address Name of Films & Language Amount Sanctioned

1 Dr. Satrupa Sanyal
A-23, Netaji Samabaya Abash
Prafulla Kanan, Kolkata-700 059 ATATAYEE (Bengali) Rs. 10,00,000/-

2002-2003

1 Shri Iqbal Durrani
13-A/401 Millat Nagar
Off: New Link Road, Andheri (W)
Mumbai-400 053 GANDHI SE PEHLE GANDHI (Hindi) Rs. 25,00,000/-

2003-2004

1 Shri Rajiv Vijayaraghavan
MF-IV/224 Vrindavan Housing
Colony, PattomTrivandrum-695 004 MARGAM (Malayalam) Rs. 20,00,000/-

The number of the films completed out of the above and the places where these were screened.

Out of the above three films, two i.e. ATATAYEE and MARGAM have been completed. As regards the film GANDHI SE PEHLE GANDHI the same is under production.

The film ATATAYEE was released in Kolkata on 22nd April, 2004. The film MARGAM has won seven Kerala State Film Awards for 2003, such as:

1. Best Feature Film Award
2. Cash Awards of Rs. 45,000/- to Producer and Rs. 20,000/- to Director
3. Best Actor Award
4. Best Script Writer Award
5. Best Cinematographic Award
6. Best Background Music Award
- 7 Best Sound Recordist Award & Special Jury Award to the actress Meera Krishnan FIPRESCI Special Jury Mention

The film is ready for release.