

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2024**

DEVELOPMENT OF DEDICATED NATIONAL FILM FUND

2155: SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA

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

- (a) whether intends to sponsor the development of a dedicated national film fund to provide financial support for production of experimental films, culturally significant projects, regional storytelling, and enabling debut filmmakers' projects;
- (b) if so, the details and timeline thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government intends to increase the budgetary allocation to National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in the upcoming financial years to enable it to sponsor large scale projects?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (Dr. L MURUGAN)**

- (a) to (c): The Government extends financial support to experimental films, culturally significant projects, regional storytelling, and initiatives by debut filmmakers through the Development, communication & Dissemination of Filmic Content (DCDFC) scheme of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Aspiring filmmakers are invited to submit their film proposals on the NFDC website during the call for proposals, and they can also present their films at the Film Bazaar. The timeline for

grant of funds depends upon the number of entries received and time required for evaluation of projects , approval of the Board of NFDC and administrative approval accorded by the Ministry. Under the existing DCDFC scheme, an amount of ₹ 759.90 cr. is approved for a period of 5 years from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.
