

FILM ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DFF

OF INDIA)

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PART 1 SECTION 1

Government of India Ministry of Information &

Broadcasting

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RESOLUTION

No. 6/10/75-F (P) In supersession of the Resolution of the Government of India in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting No.1/29/58-F (P) dated the 5th February, 1959, the following rules are notified in regard to the working of the Film Advisory Board at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras for the purpose of approval of films as scientific films, films intended for educational purpose, film dealing with news and current events, documentary films or indigenous films in accordance with the directions issued by the Central Government under sub-section (4) of Section 12 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952) and by the various State Governments under the corresponding State Laws. These rules shall come into force with immediate effect.

RULES

- There shall be three Film Advisory Boards one each in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. The functions of each of the Film Advisory Board shall be to make recommendations to the Central Government regarding the suitability of films for approval as scientific films, films intended for educational purposes, films dealing news and current events, documentary films or indigenous films in accordance with the directions issued by the Central Government under sub-section (4) of Section 12 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952) and by the State Government under the corresponding State Laws.
- Each Board shall consist of not less than seven members as follows:-
 - (a) Chairman, Board of film Censors or any member of the Board of Film Censors nominated by him shall be the Chairman till the enforcement of the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 1974. After implementation of the Act, a whole time member of the Board of Film Censors nominated by the Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Board.
 - (b) Regional Officer of the Board of Film Censors and a member of the Advisory Panel of the Board of Film Censors at each Centre till the enforcement of the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act 1974. After the implementation of the Act, two assessors of the Board of

Film Censors nominated by the Central Government.

- (c) Not less than four other members including at least one person with knowledge of films and film making and one educationist, nominated by the Central Government.

The Regional Officer of the Board of Film Censors at each Centre shall be the Secretary of the Board.

Explanation: The Additional Regional Officer or the Asstt. Ro, CBFC shall act, as Secretary to the Board when the RO does not attend.

- Members other than ex-officio shall hold office for a period of two years.
- Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 3, the Central Government may at any time terminate the membership of any member of the Board before the expiration of the period specified in that rule.
- The non -official members of the Board may be paid such travelling allowance for attending meetings of the
- No act or proceeding of the Board shall be called in question on the ground merely of the existence of any vacancy in or defect in the constitution of the Board.
- Meetings of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman, and, in his absence, by a member directed by the members present from amongst themselves.
- The quorum of the Board shall be three
- The Board shall ordinarily meet once a week but a meeting of the Board may be called by the Chairman as often as he considers necessary.
- Any person desiring the Board to consider the suitability of any film for the purpose specified in rule 1 shall send an application in writing to the Secretary of the Board stating the title of the film, its length, the name of the producer and such other particulars as may be required by the Board.

Films with lengths exceeding 608 metres in 35mm shall not be entertained by the Board for the purpose of these rules.

- After examination of the film by the Board, the opinion of each member present shall be recorded as to whether:-

- (a) the film is suitable for approval as a scientific film , a film intended for educational purposes, a film dealing with news and current events, a documentary film or an indigenous film; or
- (b) the film would be suitable for approval in any specific category on carrying out specified excisions or modifications therein; or
- (c) the film is not suitable for approval as a film in any of the said categories.

- The opinion of the Board shall be in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the members present at the meeting and in the event of a tie, in accordance with the opinion of the presiding officer.

(a) If the opinion of the Board is that the film is suitable for approval as a scientific film, a film intended for educational purpose, a film dealing with news and current events or a documentary film or an indigenous film, the Chairman of the Film Advisory Board shall make a recommendation to the Central Government in accordance with opinion of the Board.

(b) If the opinion of the Board is as in clause (b) or clause (c) of rule II, the Chairman of the Film Advisory Board shall communicate the opinion of the Board to the applicant in writing and specify a date, not later than seven days from such communication, within which he may, if he so desires, make a representation against the opinion of the Board.

(c) On expiry of the date so specified or on receipt of the representation, the Chairman of the Film Advisory Board shall make a recommendation to the Central Government in accordance with the opinion of the Board and forward the representation made by the applicant, to the Central Government.

(d) If the applicant agrees to carry out the excisions or modifications specified by the Board the Chairman of Film Advisory Board shall, after satisfying himself that such excisions or modifications are carried out, forward the recommendation of the Board to the Central Government.

• (a) On receipt of the recommendation of the Board, the Central Government may, after considering the representation, if any, made under sub-rule (b) of rule 13 and such enquiry as it may consider necessary approve the film as suitable in any category specified in rule I or pass such orders in the matter as it deems fit.

(b) Notwithstanding any thing contained in the above rules, the Central Government may without consulting the film Advisory Board approve any film as suitable for inclusion in any category specified in rule 1.

15. Films approved by the Central Government in any of the category specified in rule I shall be notified in the Gazette of India, together with the name of the applicant, the title of the film, the name of the producer and the length of the film as approved and its category.

Sd/-

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Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

NOTIFICATION

No. 315/1/97-F (P) : In pursuance of this Ministry's Resolution No.6/10/75-F (P) dated 12.9.75 and in supersession of this Ministry's earlier Notification on the subject, the Central Government hereby nominates the following persons as members of the Film Advisory Board, Mumbai :-

- (i) Shri N. S. Thapa, Mumbai
- (ii) Shri B. J. Trivedi, Mumbai
- (iii) Dr. (Mrs) Vasantha Rengaraju, Mumbai
- (iv) Dr. (Kum) L. S. Soneji, Mumbai

The term of the members of the Committee is 2 years.

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