

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3291
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026**

NOTICES ISSUED BY CBFC

3291: SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- a) the year-wise number of notices, objections or directions issued by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to feature films during the last five years;
- b) the category-wise grounds cited for such actions, including public order, obscenity, political content, religious sentiments and national security; and
- c) whether the Ministry has issued any written guidelines/advisories/directions to the CBFC beyond the Cinematograph Act and Rules, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(DR. L. MURUGAN)**

(a) to (c): The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), a statutory body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, certifies films for public exhibition. The CBFC is guided by the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024 and the guidelines issued thereunder while certifying the films.

Cuts or modifications are recommended if the content violates statutory parameters concerning sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality, defamation, contempt of court or incitement to an offence.

Year-wise statistics of total films certified, cut-modifications notices issued and films certified with cuts-modifications are given in the table below:

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total films certified	8299	12719	18070	17431	15444
Cut modifications notices issued	3167	3945	5323	5425	5738

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Films certified with cuts/ modifications	1475	1911	2205	2440	3033
Refused certification	0	0	1	0	2

The details of excisions, modifications or replacements, if any, are recorded in Part-II of the certificate issued for the concerned film. Under Section 4(2)(iv) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the CBFC may direct the applicant to carry out such excisions or modifications in the film as it considers necessary before granting certification. Films are examined by CBFC in their entirety and assessed based on their overall impact in accordance with the extant provisions.
