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No. : M/84/2024

Date : 24.02.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

1. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi has issued a Public Notice dated 16.02.2026 (copy enclosed at Annex-I) inviting comments on the Proposal to discontinue the Priority Scheme for film certification under the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024.
2. In this connection, all the stakeholders are requested to furnish their feedback/comments, if any, at the email address sk.maurya75@gov.in by 17.03.2026.
3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.


24/2/2026

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Encl. : As above

Copy To:

1. All the stakeholders of Film Industry
2. For uploading on website
3. Under Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, New Delhi



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कार्यालय ज्ञापन

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली ने दिनांक 16.2.2026 को एक सार्वजनिक नोटिस जारी किया है (प्रति अनुलग्नक-1 में संलग्न है) जिसमें चलचित्र (प्रमाणन) नियम 2024 के तहत फिल्म प्रमाणन के लिए प्राथमिकता स्कीम (priority scheme) को बंद करने के प्रस्ताव पर टिप्पणी मांगी गई है।

2. इस संबंध में, सभी हितधारकों से अनुरोध है कि वे अपना फीडबैक/टिप्पणी, अगर कोई हो, तो दिनांक 17.03.2026 तक ईमेल sk.maurya75@gov.in पर भेजें।
3. यह सक्षम अधिकारी की मंजूरी से जारी किया जाता है।

(दीपा सुब्रमणियन)
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2. वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने के लिए
3. अवर सचिव, सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली

Government of India
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Dated: 16th February, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Inviting comments on the proposal to discontinue the Priority Scheme for film certification under the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting proposes to amend the **Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024** to discontinue the existing Priority Scheme for film certification. This proposal aims to restore equity and orderly processing within the film certification framework, ensuring fair access for small and independent filmmakers.

2. **Background and Justification:**

- a. While the Priority Scheme was introduced with the objective of facilitating certification for urgent cases, routine resort to it dilutes its intended purpose of addressing exceptional urgency and exacerbates systemic delays. Its implementation has had the unintended effect of undermining the principle of fairness and orderly processing inherent to a statutory certification regime.
- b. The growing reliance on priority processing risks creating a two-tier certification system, where applicants with greater financial capacity are able to secure faster clearances at the cost of others.
- c. In this context, the immediate discontinuation of the Priority Scheme is considered a more effective interim measure to restore equity, predictability, and orderly processing.

3. **Proposed Amendments:**

- a. **Rule 33(2):** Discontinuation of the provision allowing for priority screening upon payment of three times the examination fee.
- b. **Rule 37(3):** Removal of the proviso allowing the Regional Officer to alter the order of examination based on priority applications.

4. **Submission of Comments:** The feedback/comments may be submitted by **17th March, 2026** at the email address **sk.maurya75@gov.in**.

Yours faithfully

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16/02/26

(Santosh Kumar Maurya)

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