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Respected Sir,

As you may be aware that Ministry of I&B has developed the India Cine Hub (ICH) portal (<https://indiacinehub.gov.in/>) as a single-window for obtaining filming related permissions. The portal is playing a vital role in promoting a film-friendly ecosystem, and position India as a preferred global filming destination through a transparent, time-bound, and digitally enabled approval framework. It had been earlier proposed to also onboard defence-related clearances on the ICH Portal.

2. India's Armed Forces have a rich legacy of courage and service. Their stories can inspire citizens, strengthen national identity, and enhance global recognition of India's values.

3. Films play an important role in bringing these stories to life. However, the lack of a streamlined and predictable clearance process for defence-related filming often limits creators from accessing authentic locations, assets, and necessary inputs.

4. Filming activities involving defence establishments, personnel, equipment, or sensitive content require prior approvals from the concerned departments of MoD. At present, these permissions are processed physically through multiple channels, leading to procedural delays and uncertainty.

5. In this context, defence-related clearances may, to the extent feasible, be processed through the ICH Portal in an online manner. The processing may cover defence location, equipment, personnel, aerial filming, and content sensitivity, etc. The online applications on ICH may be seamlessly routed to the concerned departments of Ministry of Defence for examination and approval.

6. I therefore request you to kindly direct the concerned officials of your Ministry for the onboarding of defence-related filming clearances on the ICH Portal. This initiative would not only improve ease of doing business in film sector but, more importantly, enable the effective dissemination of inspiring stories of the nation's bravery.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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