

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2874
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ARCHIVES OF FILMS DIVISION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether old footage of historical importance are lying in Cans in the corridors of the building of Films Division in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to digitize the archives of the Films Division in the country;
- (d) the criteria fixed for selection of material/agency for the said purpose; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated/utilised for the said purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, year-wise and success achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.
- (c) Yes, Sir. Films Division is in the process of digitising all the 8131 films in its archives.
- (d) The films in Films Division's archives have been classified as "Most Precious", "Precious" and "Normal" on the basis of their historical value and their contents. The "Most Precious" films have been / are being digitized on High Definition format and "Precious" and "Normal" films are digitized on Standard Definition format. The agency selected for carrying out digitisation was through a tender which was advertised on all India basis and selected on the basis of technical infrastructure available with the agency.
- (e) The details of the funds allocated and utilised in the Eleventh Five Year Plan are as follows:

YEAR	FUNDS ALLOCATED	EXPENDITURE
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2007-08	Rs.535.00 LAKHS	Rs.533.76 LAKHS
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2008-09	Rs.300.00 LAKHS	Rs.285.84 LAKHS (till Nov, 2008)
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Till November 2008, 7278 films have been digitised out of a total 8131 films.