

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIGITISATION OF FILMS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to digitise films in its archives and bring out any periodical for dissemination of information to the public in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the target set during the 11th Five Year Plan for the purpose; and
- (d) the fund allocated/ expenditure incurred thereon so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHARAKSHAKAN)

(a): Yes Sir, the National Film Archive of India (NFAI), Pune has started digitizing and restoring archival films under the plan scheme 'Acquisition and exhibition of archival films'. NFAI does not bring out its publications periodically but brings out monographs and research publications from time to time.

(b): Digitising work could not be carried out during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 as various processes like according of approvals, calling tenders, etc. were underway. During the year 2009-10, NFAI has digitized 119 films so far. NFAI will be digitizing and restoring 171 titles during the year 2009-10.

(c): Target is to digitise 320 films during the 11th Five Year Plan.

(d): The funds allocated/expenditure incurred under the Plan Scheme 'Acquisition and exhibition of Archival Films' which includes, inter-alia, digitisation of films, are as under:

Rs.in crores

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
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2007-08	1.01	0.90
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2008-09	3.00	1.7623
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2009-10	7.00	4.41
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