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PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL NEWS PAPERS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for preservation of traditional and digital newspapers in the wake of rapid technological changes;
- (b) if so, whether International Federation of Library Association (IFLA) in its three day conference has suggested for collaboration of Library, IT companies and Government to ensure that the contents are not lost;
- (c) if so, whether Government is in the process of formulating a policy on preservation of its archives;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to adopt internationally accepted system for preservation of Archives?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) Preservation of traditional and digital newspapers in the wake of rapid technological changes is an important ongoing activity, undertaken by the libraries and archives of the Ministry of Culture in a decentralized manner.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The IFLA Newspaper Section in its three days conference organized at the IGNCA, New Delhi in February, 2010, proposed a framework for launching a national level programme for Centralized Digital Preservation of News Information Sources in India.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) The archives and libraries of the Ministry of Culture undertake preservation and digitization of newspapers in their collections as a part of their regular developmental activities.
- (e) The Government [including its Institutions such as Bureau of Indian Standards] is promoting use of Internationally accepted system for preservation and conservation of materials in archives in a planned and calibrated manner.