

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

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ACQUISITION OF RARE PHOTOGRAPHS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Film Division has any proposal to acquire rare pictures of prominent personalities, landmarks, heritage structures, landscapes from private collectors, independent developers and individuals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such pictures collected during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a National Centre of Photography;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which action in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (e) the steps being taken to promote photography in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (Dr. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Not applicable in view of reply to (a) above.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The work of setting up of a 'National Centre of Photography' has been taken up in the 11th Five Year Plan by Photo Division of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Under this scheme digitalization of the archival images is in progress. The work relating to placing of images to the server, cataloguing and indexing is also under process.
- (e) Photo Division conducts a national level Photo Contest every year. Cash awards are given to the winners of both the colour and black & white categories. Exhibitions of selected photographs received in the photo contest are also organized. Photo Division also organizes workshops and training programmes.