

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESTORATION OF OLD FILM PRINTS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restore the damaged/old film prints available with the National Film Archives of India (NFAI) and the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked/sanctioned for the purpose; and
- (d) the time by which such film prints are likely to be restored?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) and (d) : Yes, Sir. Both National Film Archive of India (NFAI) and National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) propose to restore the damaged/old film prints available with them. NFAI has a Plan Scheme which includes, inter alia, digitalization and restoration of films with an outlay of Rs.20 crore during the 11th Plan. NFDC have initiated the process of restoration of their own and co-produced films. It is not possible to give a time-frame for restoration of films by NFAI and NFDC as it is an ongoing process.