

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

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PRESERVATION AND DIGITIZATION OF FILMS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of films have been lost due to lack of preservation and digitization;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, language-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch/set up a National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM);
- (d) if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated for the implementation of the said scheme and the time by which NFHM is likely to be made functional?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) & (b) : Films have been lost due to lack of restoration and preservation. However, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, on priority, has made efforts to restore and digitize films. Detail are as under :

Year Restored Digitized

2009-10	57	153
2010-11	169	245
2011-12	195	177
2012-13	7	33

(c) to (e) Yes. The objectives of the NFHM are –

# To undertake film condition assessment ;

# Preventive conservation of film reels;

# Picture and sound restoration of landmark feature and short films and recording of picture and sound inter-negatives of each film;

# Digitization of feature and Short films;

# Construction of archival and preservation facilities for preservation of material restored under NFHM in dust free, low humidity, and low temperature conditions;

# Training workshops and courses in preservation and archiving, in co-ordination with expert agencies in this field.

Planning Commission has given 'in principal' approval for the scheme. After Expenditure Finance Committee approves fund allocation, the Scheme will be operationalised thence forth.