

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DIGITISATION OF CULTURAL ARCHIVES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to digitise cultural archives of National and State museums and microfilming of original historical texts;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate audio-visual division under the Ministry to disseminate India's rich cultural heritage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons there for?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) Government has taken initiative to digitize the collections of 10 museums functioning under the control of Ministry of Culture by installing "JATAN" Collections Management software in these museums. Also the Government has formulated a new scheme for financial assistance for digitisation of museum collections under which financial assistance would be given to Museums for digitization of their collections.

Under the approved scheme of expansion of Repair and Reprography, National Archives of India is doing microfilming of entire collection of its record holdings for security purposes.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The present system of dissemination of India's rich cultural heritage through 42 organisations under Ministry of Culture is working well and hence there is no need to set up a separate audio-visual division under the ministry.