

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

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FILM ON MAHATMA PHULE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had received a proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for making a film on Mahatma Phule twelve years ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and
- (c) the time by which the said film is likely to be made?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government of Maharashtra had decided to produce a feature film on the life and times of Mahatama Jyotiba Phule. The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a PSU under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, was appointed by the Government of Maharashtra to be the executive producer for production of the film on Mahatama Jyotiba Phule. Thereafter, the Government of Maharashtra approached several Ministries other than Information & Broadcasting, as also the Government of Madhya Pradesh, to share the expenditure for the production of this film. The feature film is to be directed by Dr. Jabbar Patel, an acclaimed film maker. NFDC's responsibility is to execute the production of the film, the proposal for which has been initiated by the Government of Maharashtra. The film is in the pre-production stage.