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NATIONAL FILM HERITAGE MISSION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has unveiled a Rs. 600 crore National Film Heritage Mission to preserve the film heritage of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that often of reels get spoiled and so there is a need to preserve all these old films; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to preserve the old films?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government is planning to launch a Scheme 'National Film Heritage Mission(NFHM)'. 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 principle' approval for the scheme. The scheme would be implemented after approval by the competent authority in accordance with extant guidelines.