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(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to stop this unhealthy trend?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) It is a fact that many serials relate to social and moral issues such as extra-marital relations. However, their treatment of issues varies and is not subject to any control by the Government as long as they adhere to the Programme Code prescribed in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder.

Rare movies with Films Division

†1309. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Films Division is having some rare movies;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the measures Government are going to take to preserve them alongwith the expenditure involved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Films Division is having an archival legacy of more than 8,000 films, which include some rare documentary films.

(c) Government has set up a Committee to undertake categorization and restoration of the precious archives, both in conventional as well as digital format and their transfer in High Definition/Digibeta Tapes for preservation. The original celluloid formate of most precious films will be transferred to the vaults of National Film Archives of India, Pune for its safe preservation away from Mumbai's humidity and salinity. The exact amount of expenditure is not quantifiable at this stage.

Impact of excess viewing of television

1310. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that excess viewing of television by children is leading them to diseases such as obesity, behavioural

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