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All India Radio	2008-09	291.59
	2009-10	303.18
	2010-11	372.96
Publication Division	2008-09	41.82
	2009-10	53.49
	2010-11	34.75

Film on Tagore's Anniversary

3480. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bangladesh plan films on Rabindranath Tagore's anniversary;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to make films on other personalities also in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI JAGATHRAKSHAKAN) : (a) and (b) As informed by Ministry of Culture, the National Implementation Committee, set up by Ministry of Culture, for Commemoration of Tagore's 150th birth anniversary, has accorded approval, in principle, and has authorized Ministry of Culture to make a film through National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).

(c) As informed by Ministry of Culture, National Implementation Committee for commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda has accorded approval for production of a feature length documentary film on Swami Vivekananda at an estimated cost of Rs. 70 lakhs.

Upgradation of FTII

3481. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to upgrade Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) to an independent university;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had constituted a Group of Experts in this regard; and

(d) if so, whether the Group had submitted any recommendations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI JAGATHRAKSHAKAN) : (a) and (b) Government proposes to declare Film and Television Institute of India, Pune (FTII) as Institute of National Importance through an Act of Parliament. The Government has also undertaken a project to upgrade the infrastructure of FTII during 11th and 12th Plan period in a phased manner.

(c) and (d) FTII, Pune constituted a Group of Experts to help the Institute in preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for implementation of the upgradation of the infrastructure of FTII. The Group of Experts submitted its report based on which the DPR has been prepared by the Institute.

FM channels

3482. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has sought free land from all the State Governments to set up its own 500 AIR FM channels in over 250 towns under FM-III policy:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the idea is to operationalise AIR's FM Radio stations before the private media firms enter into this sector and Government has sanctioned Rs.140 crore for Prasar Bharati to set up 100 FM transmitters under the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI JAGATHRAKSHAKAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Phase-III of Private FM Expansion scheme has been recently approved by the Government for 313 cities. Out of these at 153 cities, AIR is either already having FM station or the same is in the pipeline. At 160 remaining cities, AIR does not have any FM