

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds spent in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) to (c) Government proposes to declare Film and Television Institute of India, Pune (FTII) as an Institute of National Importance through an Act of Parliament. Plan funds are allocated for modernisation and enhancement of infrastructure of FTII, Pune. During the 11th Plan, an amount of Rs. 37.31 crore was spent towards upgradation and modernisation of FTII, Pune. For the 12th Plan, an amount of Rs. 80.00 crore has been sought for this purpose.

#### **Establishment of film preservation foundation**

2382. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of procedures to preserve films released since 1913;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering to establish a film preservation foundation that aims at selecting and preserving films every year that are culturally, historically and aesthetically significant, showcasing the range and diversity of India's cinema heritage and to make them accessible to the future generations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN): (a) The National Film Archive of India, Pune (NFAI) is the agency mandated to safeguard the heritage of Indian Cinema for posterity. Archival films are preserved by NFAI as per the International standards fixed by the Federation of International Film Archives. The films are stored in a controlled environment with such prescribed temperature and relative humidity as is suitable to preserve the films.

(b) and (c) The Ministry has formulated a new Plan Scheme namely "National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM)" with the objective to provide a comprehensive platform and solution for the cataloguing, digitalization, digital restoration and conservation of films and filmic contents other related materials lying with the various media units and other private individuals and institutions. The estimated cost of the Scheme is Rs. 597.68 crore. Planning Commission has accorded 'in-principle' approval for the Scheme.