

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria fixed by the Government to make documentary films/publish books on the lives of freedom fighters and important personalities of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received some proposals from the Government of Maharashtra for making documentary films etc. on the lives of freedom fighters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Government thereon ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) No criteria has been fixed so far by the Government for making of documentary films on Freedom Fighters and important personalities of the country. However, the Films Division, Ministry of I&B takes up a few subjects for production of biographical films on Freedom Fighters/personalities for inclusion in the Production Programme by the Government on the basis of proposals received through Independent Producers as well as from In-house Directors.

The Department of Publications Division under the Ministry of I&B primarily publishes biographies of eminent freedom fighters of India under the Builders of Modern India series in various languages of the country. The leaders taken up in this series include Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Azad, Pt. Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. Rajagopalachari, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Smt. Indira Gandhi, etc. In all 103 personalities have already been included in this series in various languages. Normally, these books are being published in English, Hindi and the language of the area from which the personality hails.

As regards other important personalities on whom biographies are published by the Division, the selection of the personalities are done in consultation with eminent authors, experts in the related fields and institutions like Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak Akademy, Lalit Kala Akademy, CSIR etc. depending on the field to which the personalities belong.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.