

Title: Need to ensure proper preservation of documentary films of the Films Division of India.

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI (BAPATLA): Sir, over 20,000 Documentary Films have been made by the Films Division of India regarding the nation's history and the development activities.

Now these films are in danger because they have been subjected to continuous neglect and very damp conditions. These documentaries are not only of historical importance but also of archival importance. They are part of our nation's history. They definitely need to be protected for posterity. All these documentary films are presently being stored in the old building of Films Division on Pedar Road in Mumbai. The condition of the building is deplorable and it is dilapidated with almost cracked walls.

I would request the Government to take firm and concrete steps to shift these films to a better place and to also provide good infrastructure and facilities to protect them for posterity.

MR. SPEAKER: You have raised a very good matter.

Shri Harishchandra Chavan – not present.