

Vacant posts in libraries and museums

2501. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all important posts and head of libraries and museums, Archaeology, Archives under the administrative control of culture department, are lying vacant for long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to fill up these important posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that culture department, Raja Rammohan Library, National Library, National Archives, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Museums are not getting sufficient funds for maintenance; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) No, Sir. Some posts of Head of Organizations and some senior level posts in Organizations under the Ministry are lying vacant.

(b) The posts of Directors General of Archaeological Survey of India, National Museum, National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property, National Gallery of Modern Art; Director, Anthropological Survey of India; and Librarian, Central Reference Library are vacant. In addition, some newly created posts of Additional Director General and Joint Directors General in Archaeological Survey of India, National Museum, National Archives of India, National Library and Director, National Gallery of Modern Art are lying vacant. Action is in hand to fill up these posts.

(c) No, Sir. Adequate funds are made available to these Organizations.

(d) Does not arise

High-level Committee on libraries

2502. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a High-level Committee to evolve the working of the libraries in the country;