

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;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the objectives of the such committees; and
- (d) the steps being taken for the development of libraries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) to (c) A High-level Committee *i.e.* National Mission on Libraries (NML) has been constituted in May, 2012. The terms of reference, aims and objectives of the NML are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Since the constitution of High Level Committee, *i.e.* National Mission on Libraries (NML), four meetings have been held and for the development of libraries in the country, NML has decided to focus on the following core areas:

- (i) Creation of National Virtual Library of India (NVLI)
- (ii) Setting up of NML Model Libraries
- (iii) Quantitative and Qualitative survey of Libraries
- (iv) Capacity Building.

Statement

Terms of Reference, aims and objectives of the NML

- (a) Advising the Government of India on all library and information sector matters of national importance.
 - (b) Preparing long term plans and strategies for development of the library sector, including conceptualization and approval of projects and preparation of a "National policy on Library and Information Systems for India".
 - (c) Interacting with State Governments on all library matters, especially on public library matters.
 - (d) Setting standards, including quality standards, for library collections, services, technical work and infrastructure, and devising in-built mechanisms to ensure compliance for all types of libraries.
 - (e) Encouraging and promoting partnership with corporate sector, philanthropic organizations, as well as bilateral and international agencies in the development of the library and information sector.
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- (f) Reviewing and assessing current status of library and information services education and in-service training facilities, and working with agencies such as the UGC and universities to address the identified issues.
 - (g) Coordinating with stakeholder Ministries such as the Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Information Technology, Department of Panchayati Raj etc., to ensure effective implementation of the NKC recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.
 - (h) Coordination with other national stakeholders of the library and information sector, such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) and so on, to ensure effective implementation of the recommendations and management of the post-implementation scenario.
 - (i) Collaborating with counterpart agencies in other countries to explore areas for cooperation which will lead to strengthening of India's library and information sector.
 - (j) Securing public support through advocacy and media by providing evidence of delivery, usage, outcomes and impact.
 - (k) Helping State Governments (that do not yet have library legislation) in formulating State Library Acts.
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Serious irregularities in Army hospitals

2503. SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether serious irregularities have been reported in Army hospitals during 2006-07 to 2010-11;