

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2409
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022
ABOLISHED AND VACANT POSTS IN NATIONAL MUSEUM**

2409. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the time from which post of heads of the National Museum and the Indian Museum are lying vacant and when did the last persons appointed as per recruitment rules vacated the posts;
- (b) number of posts that have been abolished in the National Museum, the Indian Museum and the Victoria Memorial in the last five years and their categories or designations;
- (c) number of posts that are lying vacant for over a year in these three museums and their categories or designations; and
- (d) whether Government realise the adverse implications of such vacancies and abolitions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The posts of Director General, National Museum and Director, Indian Museum became vacant on 08.10.2021 and 05.09.2019 respectively.

The last persons appointed as per recruitment rules to the post of DG, National Museum vacated the post on 16.08.2019 and the post of Director, Indian Museum vacated the post on 04.09.2019 afternoon.

- (b) Number of posts that have been abolished in National Museum, the Indian Museum and the Victoria Memorial Hall in the last five years are as under:

Indian Museum - NIL

Victoria Memorial Hall - NIL

National Museum – 92 – These posts were abolished as per Ministry of Finance's OM No. 7(1)/E. Coord.-I/2017 dated 12th April 2017, since the posts were vacant for more than five years.

The category-wise details of 92 abolished posts of National Museum are as under:

Group-A: 15

Group-B: 18

Group- C: 59

- (c) & (d) The details regarding number of posts that are lying vacant for over a year in these three museums and their categories or designations are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The Ministry has taken several steps for filling up of the vacant posts in National Museum, the Indian Museum and the Victoria Memorial Hall. Filling up of posts is a continuous process and steps are taken to ensure that the vacancies are filled in time through issuing advertisements, sending requisitions to UPSC/SSC, revision of Recruitment Rules wherever required, holding DPC and selections etc.

It is pointed out that steps have also been taken to revive these posts with approval of Ministry of Finance wherever necessary. It has been scrupulously ensured that the activities of the museums are carried forward without any hindrance, and significant milestones have been achieved in the functioning of the museums.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) & (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2409 for 24.03.2022

Number of posts that are lying vacant for over a year in National Museum, Indian Museum and the Victoria Memorial Hall

(a) National Museum, Delhi

S.No.	Categories of posts	Number of posts lying vacant for over a year
1	Group-A	7
2	Group-B	6
3	Group-C	33
	Total	46

(b) Indian Museum, Kolkata

S.No.	Categories of posts	Number of posts lying vacant for over a year
1	Group-A	13
2	Group-B	10
3	Group-C	174
	Total	197

(b) Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata

S.No.	Categories of posts	Number of posts lying vacant for over a year
1	Group-A	6
2	Group-B	10
3	Group-C	89
	Total	105
