

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2022

DIGITIZATION OF RECORDS OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA

3213. SHRI K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme/programme to digitize records, catalogue and publications of the National Archives of India;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the manner in which digitization is likely to help scholars, historians, academicians and other users of archives in the country; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Archives of India has launched the first phase of a project for digitization of 4.50 crore pages of records in January, 2021 through outsourcing.
- (c) The project seeks to provide accessibility and retrieval of digital data electronically to scholars, historians, academicians and other users of archives world over.
- (d) The expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years and the current year, year-wise is as under:
2018-19 - NIL
2019-20 - NIL
2020-21 - NIL
2021-22 (as on 25.03.2022) - Rs.1,37,31,894/-
