

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022**

VACANT POSTS IN NATIONAL LIBRARY

3216 SHRI JAWAHAR SIRCAR:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any move or plan to shift the National Library from Kolkata to Delhi;
- (b) when did the last Director selected under the Recruitment Rules retired and reasons for a full time Director not being appointed since then;
- (c) the number of posts lying vacant in the library in each grade and reasons why they are not filled as per Recruitment Rules for several years; and
- (d) the number of posts that have been abolished in this library in the last five years?

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

- (a) No, Sir
- (b) There is no post of Director in National Library. There is a post of Director General for which Recruitment Rules (RRs) have been notified on 25.11.2021 and the post has been advertised.
- (c) & (d) 149 posts [Group A – 04; Group B -35 ; Group C - 110] remained vacant due to various reasons like delay in finalisation of RR's; Court direction for non-filling of posts; non selection of candidates by recruiting agencies like UPSC & SSC; and so on. Filling up the posts is an ongoing process and efforts are made to fill up the posts at the earliest. It is also ensured that the normal functions of the library are not affected and various initiatives are implemented as per extant instructions of Govt. of India.

A total number of 102 posts in different grades in the Library have been abolished in the last five years.