

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3761
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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT NATIONAL LIBRARY KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a board of management has been set up for National Library, Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the objectives and the terms of reference of the board;
- (c) the criteria for nominating the members of the board and its present composition;
- (d) whether the present members of the board of management are stationed at Delhi(including the Chairman);
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of meetings of the board held so far and the total amount of expenditure for these meetings incurred as on date;
- (g) the achievements of the Ministry through this board and the improvement of the National Library and the benefits derived by holding such meetings;
- (h) whether the board has constituted any further sub-committees; and
- (i) if so, the details of the composition of such sub-committees and their role in the development of the National Library?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. KANTI SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The objectives and terms of reference of the Board are to formulate and monitor the Annual Action Plan for the National Library and report to the Advisory Board for National Library and Dept. of Culture, Govt. of India on a quarterly basis.
- (c) There are no laid down criteria for nominating the members of the Board. The present composition is as follows:
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Member
 - 3. Member
 - 4. Member
 - 5. Joint Secretary –Dept.Nominee
 - 6. Director,National Library-Member-Secretary
- (d) Yes,Sir.except for Director,National Library who is the Member- Secretary of the Board stationed at Kolkata. All other members are in Delhi.
- (e) i. Dr. O.P. Kejariwal,Chairman,New Delhi
- ii. Prof. P.B. Mangla,Member,New Delhi
- iii. Dr. H.K. Kaul,Member,New Delhi.
- iv. Prof. R.P.Kaushik,New Delhi
- v. Shri Lov Verma,Joint Secretary,Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

(f) Since its constitution, 19 (nineteen) meetings have been held. The expenditure for these meetings have been to the tune of Rs. 15.25 lakhs approximately.

(g) This Board reviews, monitors and guides the working of the National Library, Kolkata, and makes valuable recommendations to improve its functioning.

(h) (i) Yes. The Board has constituted various sub-committees:

They are as follows:

a) Selection Committee for Books and Journals

1. O.P. Kejariwal, Chairman
2. Prof. Basudev Chatterjee
3. Prof. Sukanta Chowdhury
4. Prof. Shyamal Chakraborty
5. Dr. B.B. Das
6. Director, National Library

b) Technical Committee

1. Dr. H.K. Kaul
2. Dr. Harish Chandra
3. Dr. Santosh Sarkar
4. Prof. Amitabha Chatterjee
5. Miss. Indrani Bhattacharya
6. Dr. R. Ramachandran

c) Vision Document Committee

Prof. P.B. Mangla, Chairman.

The committees have offered constructive suggestions to improve the performance and functioning of the National Library in their respective fields.