

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF LIBRARY CELL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Library Cell has been working in the Ministry of Culture as a cadre controlling authority to look into the problems of libraries working in the Central Government Ministries and departments.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present strength of the Cell and number of library professionals and other officers and staff working in the Cell;
- (d) whether the Government constituted the Indian Library and Information Service(ILIS) as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission;
- (e) if so, the progress so far has been made and the status of the ILIS creation;
- (f) if not, the time by which the service would be created and the action taken in this regard; and
- (g) the number of recommendations accepted and implemented by the Government in respect of library staff out of the total recommendations made by Fifth Central Pay Commission?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Though an ad-hoc Cell has functioned in the past,at present no such Cell is working in the Ministry of Culture.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
- (f) Does not arise as no final decision as to the constitution of such a service has been taken.
- (g) A recommendation relating to upgradation of the pay scale of Library Information Assistant (LIA) has been implemented.