

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROFESSIONAL MANAGERS IN CULTURAL INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's top cultural institutions like National Museum, National Library, Archaeological Survey of India, National Archives, etc. are facing various problems due to lack of professional manpower;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government earlier proposed to set up search-cum- selection committee to recruit professional managers instead of utilizing the UPSC recruitment facility;
- (d) if so, the progress made in this regard and the present status of the said search-cum-selection committee;
- (e) whether the ASI is unable to guard as many as two-thirds of its 3675 monuments of national importance and even to publish excavation reports for the past several decades; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): It has been decided that the posts of heads of 8 attached/ subordinate cultural organizations under Ministry of Culture may be filled by professionals through Search-cum-Selection method. The posts and the organizations are as under:-

1. Director General, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
2. Director General, National Museum (NM)
3. Director, National Library (NL)
4. Director General, National Archives of India (NAI)
5. Director, Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI)
6. Director, National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property (NRLC)
7. Director, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)
8. Librarian, Central Reference Library (CRL)

Accordingly, Recruitment Rules (RRs) for the above posts were taken up for revision in consultation with Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) and Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The Recruitment Rules for the the posts of Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Director General, National Archives of India, Director General, National Museum and Director, National Library have been modified and notified. 3 posts have been filled on Search-cum-Selection basis. These posts are:

- # Director General, Archaeological Survey of India
- # Director General, National Archives of India
- # Director, National Library

Selection is underway for the post of Director General, National Museum. Similar procedure is also being adopted for the remaining organizations.

(e) & (f): Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3676 monuments of national importance under its sphere of responsibility and the existing manpower available is inadequate to properly guard all these monuments and sites.

Though some excavation reports are yet to be received, at present, there are no excavation reports that are pending for publication. The reports received, so far, are in various stages of publication.