

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF EPIGRAPHISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of epigraphists in the country who can study inscriptions;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)(b)&(c) The present sanctioned strength of Epigraphists in the Archaeological Survey of India, has several vacant posts in different streams, which could not be filled due to lack of eligible officials in the feeder grade. Ministry of Culture has also formulated a proposal to institute a set of National Professorships in the field of Epigraphy to honour distinguished academics practitioners and scholars in the field of Epigraphy to bequeath their expertise and knowledge to the coming generations of scholars and to promote studies in Epigraphy.