

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIGITAL VERSION OF PUBLICATIONS OF NAI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the digital version of the catalogue of publications of the National Archives of India (NAI) in the recent past;
- (a) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the scholars, historians, administrators, academicians and other users of archives in the country are likely to be benefited from such digitisation; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated/expenditure incurred thereon, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Printed version of the "Catalogue of publications" of National Archives of India since the beginning of the NAI's publication programme has been prepared in June 2012. The digital version of the Catalogue has been uploaded on the National Archives website (www.nationalarchives.nic.in) under the link, 'online resources'. The website allows downloading of free publications brought out by National Archives of India.
- (c) Considerable time, energy and expenses will be saved for scholars, historians, academicians and other users of Archives by accessing the information electronically.
- (d) No expenses have been incurred on the digital version of the catalogue as it was prepared in house by National Archives of India.