

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:81

ANSWERED ON:02.03.2015

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme/programme to digitalise records, catalogue and publications of the National Archives of India;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof;
- (c) the manner in which digitalisation is likely to help scholars, historians, academicians and other users of archives in the country; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years and the current year, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 81 FOR 02/03/2015 REGARDING PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, 1993.

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the National Archives of India (NAI) has completed the Digitization of 5,30,048 pages of public records and 2,82,750 pages of Private Papers collection. A project for digitizing another 11 lakh pages has been taken up.

The NAI has also completed the digitization of 484 Manuscripts consisting of 1,06,974 pages, 42 Newspapers & Printed Books consisting of 10,346 pages and 1,87,878 documents consisting of 6,13,413 pages of its Oriental/ Public Records collection.

The NAI has also created 6,15,154 entries of reference media (catalogue) of public records.

Besides this, 41 Non-Priced publications of NAI have also been digitized and are available on its website. A catalogue of non-priced publications is also available on its website.

(c) Digitization will save the time, energy and expenses and improve the access of Scholars, Historians, Academicians and other users of archives who may retrieve and access the archives electronically.

(d) Expenses incurred on digitization during the last two years and the current years are as follows:

Year	Expenses (In Rs)
2012-13	36,47,562
2013-14	5,79,722
2014-15 (till 31.1.2015)	25,70,051