

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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Digitisation of Records by National Archives of India

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Archives of India (NAI) has completed the digitisation of its records and its uploading on its website;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which digitisation of records and its uploading on website are likely to be completed by NAI;
- (c) whether the NAI has digitised records of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and uploaded it on its website which have been declassified by the Government in the recent past;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which it is likely to be digitised and available in public domain; and
- (e) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government on digitisation of its records including records pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam. The digitisation of entire records holdings in National Archives of India is in progress.
- (b) 1. In the first phase, a project for preparation of digital images of 11 lakh pages and developing a web based retrieval tool for private papers has been taken up which is in progress and likely to be finished by March, 2017.
2. Preparation of Digital image of 19,80,000 pages and converting the same into analog images in microfilms has been taken up which is in progress and likely to be finished by January, 2017.
3. Digitisation of important and rare publications which are available in Library of the National Archives of India in the form of Microfiche/Microfilm along with web based retrieval tool has been completed.
4. Besides this, the National Archives of India has prepared a catalogue of publication which is available on the department website.
5. Comprehensive proposal for digitisation of all records is under consideration.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The digitisation of total 303 declassified files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been completed and is available on <http://www.netajipapers.gov.in>
- (e) No expenses have been incurred on digitisation in 2012-2013, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- A. Expenditure incurred on Point (b), item No. 1 above –
- a. In 2015-16 – Rs. 17,92,542.00
- b. In 2016-17 – Rs. 6,46,639.00
- B. Expenditure incurred on Point (b), item No. 2 above –
- a. In 2015-16 – Nil
- b. In 2016-17 – Rs. 33,91,222.00
- C. Expenditure incurred on Point (b), item No. 3 above –
- a. In 2016-17 – Rs. 5,25,304.00
- D. Expenditure incurred on Digitisation/purchase of items on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose declassified files by the Government – Rs. 35.65 Lakh.

