

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 84
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ASPECTS OF ANCIENT HISTORY

84. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE BE pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to review aspects of ancient history and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the credentials of the members in the Committee;
- (c) whether the members suitably represent the diversity of cultures in India; and
- (d) whether this report will be used in textbooks and academic research?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. An expert committee has been set up for conducting holistic study of origin and to evolution of Indian culture since 12000 years before present and its interface with other
- (c) cultures of the world. The members of the committee are:
Shri K.N. Dikshit, Chairman, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi and former Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
Dr. R.S. Bisht, former Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
Dr B.R. Mani, former Director General, National Museum, New Delhi and former Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
Prof. Santosh Shukla, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi;
Dr. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi;
Prof. Makkhan Lal, Director, Delhi Institute of Heritage Management,, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi;
Dr. G.N. Srivastava, former Additional Director General, Geographical Survey of India;
Justice Dr. Mukundkam Sharma, Chancellor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Delhi and former Judge of Supreme Court of India;
Prof. P.N. Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi;
Prof. R.C. Sharma, Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi;
Prof. K.K. Mishra, Dean, Anthropology, University of Hyderabad and former Director, Anthropological Survey of India;
Dr. Balram Shukla, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi;
Prof. Azad Kaushik, Scientist and International Thinker, Canada;
Pt. M.R. Sharma, Chairman, "Sangmarg" World Brahmin Federation, India, New Delhi;
Representative from Ministry of Culture; and Representative from Archaeological Survey of India.
- (d) At present, there is no such proposal.