

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1773
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022**

CONDITION OF HISTORIC LIBRARIES IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether the country's historic libraries under Government are in a pathetic condition, if so, the Government's reaction thereto;
- (b) whether Government is proposing to create an All India Library Services Cadre for common service conditions and pay scales in libraries across country and if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) whether most of the important and historic libraries of the country are now headed by the non-library professionals and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of Government in this regard?

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION**

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ANSWER

- (a) Library is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule under Article 246 of Constitution of India and public Libraries in States/Union Territories function under the administrative control of the respective State/Union Territory authority, except the ones declared by or under law made by Parliament to be of national importance. The following five (5) Libraries only come under the control of this Ministry: -

- (i) National Library, Kolkata (NL)
- (ii) Delhi Public Library, Delhi (DPL)
- (ii) Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, Bihar (KBOPL)
- (iv) Rampur Raza Library, Rampur, U.P. (RRL)
- (v) Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi (CSL)

All these five (5) libraries are working satisfactorily.

- (b) No such agenda is there in this Ministry at present.

- (c) Out of the Libraries as mentioned in (a), the post of Head of the Library in NL, RRL and CSL are vacant. The additional charge arrangements are made as follows:

- i) DG:NL – Addl. charge is held by DG:National Archives of India
- ii) Director:RRL – Addl. charge is held by DM:Rampur
- iii) Director:CSL – Addl. charge is held by DS(Library) of this Ministry.

For the three posts of DG:NL, Director:RRL and Director:CSL, advertisement has been issued and application have been invited already.

DPL and KBOPL are headed by professionals from Library field.