

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 969**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

**VACANCIES AND ABOLITION OF POSTS IN 3 MUSEUMS**

969. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether top museums, namely, the National Museum, the Indian Museum and Victoria Memorial are functioning at half the number of originally-sanctioned staff and without proper heads;
- (b) if so, the details of the sanctioned posts and the vacant posts in each category;
- (c) the number of posts that have been abolished in these museums;
- (d) whether cent percent verification of their holdings have been done physically; and
- (e) whether conservation laboratories are set up in all these museums?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b): No, Sir. National Museum (NM), Indian Museum (IM) and Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) are not functioning at half the number of originally sanctioned staff. Also, VMH is functioning with proper head and additional charge has been given in respect of heads of IM and NM.

- (c): Details of posts that have been abolished in these museums is attached at Annexure-I. Recently, in respect of Indian Museum, approval has been received from Ministry of Finance for revival of 12 posts in Group A and B. Further, in National Museum 07 posts were revived.
- (d): All the Museums' collections are physically verified on regular basis. Directions in respect of physical verification are being followed scrupulously in all the Museums.
- (e): Yes, Sir. All the above museums have conservations laboratories.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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**National Museum (NM), New Delhi**

Total no. of posts abolished – 92

However, 7 posts were revived in NM, New Delhi

**Indian Museum (IM), Kolkata**

Total no. of posts abolished – 168

However, 12 posts are revived recently.

**Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata**

Total no. of posts abolished - NIL

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