GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th DECEMBER, 2023

SCOPE OF RESEARCH ON MODERN INDIAN HISTORY

499.   SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a)   whether Government recognizes the need for widening the scope of research on modern Indian history by covering individuals and institutions to create better awareness about the country's past; and

(b)   if so, the details of the initiatives that are proposed to be taken by Government to motivate the institutions in the country to record well-researched work for the benefit of the present and future generations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The details of the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard are as under :

(i)   National Archives of India (NAI) is working on easy access to archival records available in NAI by digitizing them on priority basis and uploading the same on the portal www.abhilekh-patal.in for wider access to public.

(ii)   The Government of India has also initiated the Digital District Repository (DDR) Project under which the story pertaining to India's freedom struggle has been well documented. The DDR Project aims to meticulously document the rich tapestry of India's freedom struggle, preserving the narratives of unsung warriors, significant places and pivotal events. This digital repository serves as a comprehensive resource, allowing citizens and researchers alike to access and explore the rich heritage of India's struggle for independence.

(iii)   Indian Institute of Heritage (IIH) encourages students to produce original research in the field of Modern Indian Art which is an essential component of Modern Indian History. IIH also organizes various Exhibitions/Village Outreach Programmes/Short Term Courses/Workshops to promote the study of Modern Indian Art.

(iv)   Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata has a research library and supports research project related to Modern Indian History.

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