GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 646
ANSWERED ON - 08/02/2024

ARCHIVAL RECORDS MAINTAINED BY NAI

646.   DR. C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the records of National Archives of India (NAI), which maintains archival records including records of various Government Departments, are updated and digitized, details thereof; and

(b) whether some posts in NAI are lying vacant, if so, date from which these posts are lying vacant and steps taken by Government to fill up those posts, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)   National Archives of India initiated a project for digitization of its records in January 2021. In the first phase a large scale digitization has been initiated by National Achieves of India through an outsourcing agency for a period of three years. As on 02.02.2024, 3.83 Crore pages have been digitized for uploading on the search portal https://www.abhilekh-patal.in for their accessibility to Scholars, Historians, Academicians, Researchers and other users of archives in the country as well as across the world.

Further, in the second phase, NAI has initiated a project of digitization of all its records holding through outsourcing agency.

(b)   Yes. Some posts in NAI are lying vacant. The relevant proposals for filling up of these vacant posts have been submitted to SSC/UPSC as the case may be. Steps taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts have been detailed as Annexure.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 646 to be answered on 08.02.2024 regarding Archival Records Maintained by NAI

Details of vacant posts in NAI and the steps taken by Government to fill up these posts :

S. No.	Posts	No. of Vacant Posts	Date of Vacancy	Steps taken to fill up the vacant posts
1.	Group-A	07	15.05.2023 (for 03 Posts) From 01.03.2019 to 01.06.2023 (for 04 Posts)	Proposal for filling up of three posts submitted to DoPT/UPSC as the case may be. Candidate has already been selected for one post of Joint Director General(IT). Remaining 3 posts is under process for filling up at NAI.
2.	Group-B (Gazetted)	23	From 01.07.2011 to 31.10.2023 (for 17 posts) 2011 to 2022 (for 6 posts)	Candidate has already been selected for one post of Administrative Officer. Requisition for filling up 15 posts sent to UPSC. Remaining 7 posts are under process for filling up in NAI.
3.	Group-B (Non - Gazetted)	65	from 01.05.2016 to 01.07.2019& 13.07.2021 (For 30 posts) 2023 (For 35 posts)	Proposal for filling up of 16 posts submitted to SSC. Proposal for filling up of remaining 49 posts are under process in NAI.
4.	Group-C	54	From 2014-2023 (For 51 posts) From 2009-2010 (for 3 posts)	Proposal for filling up of 5 posts submitted to SSC and remaining 49 posts are under process for filling up /revival in NAI.
5.	Group-C (MTS)	72	From 2020 to 2023	Proposal for filling up of 55 posts submitted to SSC and remaining 17 posts are under process for filling up in NAI

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