

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
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Access to archival records

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

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any review of digitization and digital archival management initiatives of the National Archives of India through the 'Abhilekh Patal' platform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of progress made under the platform with regard to digitization, metadata standardization and expansion of digital archival repository;
- (d) whether measures have been taken to strengthen digital accessibility, archival search capabilities and integration of emerging technologies to improve public access to archival records; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a)&(b): The National Archives of India conducts periodic reviews of the digitization and digital archival management initiatives implemented through the Abhilekh-Patal Portal (<https://www.abhilekh-patal.in/>) as part of its standard administrative procedure to assess progress, enhance digital accessibility, strengthen archival search and retrieval and improve public access to archival records world-wide.

(c): The progress statistics available on the Abhilekh Patal as on 31st July 2026 recorded the digitization of 47,79,454 records, comprising 22,64,82,832 pages of Public, Private, Oriental, Cartography archival records etc.

(d&e): The integration of additional features and emerging technologies with the existing framework of the Abhilekh-Patal portal is a continuous process and forms part of its operational development, covering digital accessibility and archival search capabilities to improve public access to archival records.
