

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4935  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

**HOLISTIC STUDY OF INDIAN CULTURE**

**4935. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:  
SHRI G. HARI:  
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
PROF. SAUGATA ROY:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee/Panel to conduct a Holistic Study on origin and the evolution of 12,000 years of Indian Culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms of reference, composition and the criteria adopted to select the members of the said Committee and the rationale behind setting up of this Panel;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to re-write certain aspects of the ancient Indian history and text books and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which the said panel is likely to submit its report to the Government along with the methodologies being used by the panel to study the evolution of Indian Culture and its history; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to place this report in the public domain and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) An expert committee has been set up for conducting holistic study of origin and evolution of ancient Indian culture since 12000 B.P. and to have interface with other cultures of the world. The concept note of holistic study included study of various stages of human evolution from the era of hunting gathering, domestication of plants and animals, Neolithic age, era of agricultural development, era of formation of social and cultural system, era of scientific development, era of urbanization, trade and cultural authorities etc. To carry study on above aspects experts/scholars from different fields viz. Archaeology, Anthropology, Linguistics, Geology etc. were considered for the committee. Following are members of the committee:

Shri K.N. Dikshit, New Delhi

Dr. R.S. Bisht, Gaziabad  
Dr. B.R. Mani, New Delhi  
Prof. Santosh Shukla, New Delhi  
Dr. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, New Delhi  
Prof. Makkhan Lal, Noida,UP  
Dr. G.N. Srivastava, Lucknow  
Justice Mukundkam Sharma, New Delhi  
Prof. P.N. Shastri, New Delhi  
Prof. R.C. Sharma, Faridabad  
Prof. K.K. Mishra Bhubaneswar  
Dr. Balram Shukla, New Delhi  
Prof. Azad kaushik, Canada  
Pt. M.R. Sharma, Gurgaon

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) The time limit is not defined.
- (e) The Committee has met two times viz. 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2017 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017. In the second meeting the Committee discussed and worked out the modalities of reaching to a uniform agreement in corroboration with all the multidisciplinary facts. The views of all the members have been invited to draw guidelines for further action.