

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5010
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2018**

DIGITISATION OF RECORDS OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started any scheme/programme for digitalisation of the records, catalogue and publications of National Archives of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the digitalisation will be helpful to the laureates, historians, educationists and other record users in the country; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?

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) Digitization is a continuous process, which is being done in phased manner:
 - (i) In the first phase, a project for preparation of digital images of 11 Lakh pages and developing a web based retrieval tool for private papers has been completed.
 - (ii) Preparation of Digital image of 19,80,000 pages and converting the same into analog images in microfilms has been completed.
 - (iii) The digitization of total 303 declassified files of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been completed and is available on <http://www.netajipapers.gov.in>
- (c) All records are digitized in a searchable format. Once digitized, the same are uploaded on the online search portal of National Archives of India www.abhilekh-patal.in which can be accessed by laureates, historians, educationists and other users of records in the country and across the world. NAI has installed Thin Client Network Solution in the Research Room where the digital images being uploaded on www.abhilekh-patal.in are made accessible through networking to all the users visiting NAI.
- (d) Expenditure incurred during the last three years and the current year:
 - a. In 2014-15 – Nil
 - b. In 2015-16 – Rs. 17,92,542.00
 - c. In 2016-17 – Rs. 61,67,817.00
 - d. In 2017-18 – Rs. 93,13,209.00
