

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 484
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023**

SHORTAGE OF STAFF

† 484: SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry and the other departments and bodies under its control has shortage of manpower as compared to sanctioned posts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the maintenance and conservation work of heritage sites and buildings of national importance undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India has been badly affected due to the shortage of the staff;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the short and long term action taken by the Government to increase the manpower and the result thereof;
- (f) the time by when the vacant posts are likely to be filled; and
- (g) the number of contractual and other employees deputed by the Ministry and its autonomous bodies during the last three years and the amount spent for the same?

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

ANSWER

- (a) & (b) Yes, sir. There are 4919 posts lying vacant against the sanctioned strength of 13865 which cover Ministry and its Attached, Subordinate & Autonomous Bodies.
- (c) & (d) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3696 centrally protected Monuments in various states/UTs of the country. ASI takes up maintenance and conservation work of these monuments/sites regularly, as per availability of resources. Upkeep of the monuments is a continuous process. There is no centrally protected monument/site which has been badly affected due to shortage of staff. All centrally protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.
- (e) & (f) Government has initiated mega recruitment drive under "Mission Recruitment Mode" from March, 2022 to December, 2023 to fill up all vacant posts through government recruitment agencies.
- (g) Ministry has engaged 7 persons on contract basis and a total amount of Rs.69.85/- lakh has been spent on their remuneration during last three years. Further, the autonomous bodies under this Ministry have engaged/outsourced a total 3646 contractual/outsource staff and a total amount of Rs. 130.02 crore has been spent for the same.
