

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.9.2020**

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ASPECTS OF ANCIENT HISTORY

- 169. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGHBHAI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHANTNU THAKUR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE BE pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any committee to review aspects related to the ancient history;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the members of the said committee;
- (d) whether these members aptly represent the diversity of India; and
- (e) whether the report of the said committee is likely to be mentioned in text books used for the purpose of educational research and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. An expert committee has been set up for conducting holistic study of origin and evolution to of Indian culture since 12000 years before present and its interface with other cultures of the world. The members of the committee are:
 1. Shri K.N. Dikshit, Chairman, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi and former Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
 2. Dr. R.S. Bisht, former Joint Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
 3. Dr B.R. Mani, former Director General, National Museum, New Delhi and former Additional Director General, Archaeological Survey of India;
 4. Prof. Santosh Shukla, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi;
 5. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi;
 6. Prof. Makkhan Lal, Director, Delhi Institute of Heritage Management,, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi;
 7. Dr. G.N. Srivastava, former Additional Director General, Geographical Survey of India;
 8. Justice Dr. Mukundkam Sharma, Chancellor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Delhi and former Judge of Supreme Court of India;
 9. Prof. P.N. Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi;
 10. Prof. R.C. Sharma, Head, Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi;
 11. Prof. K.K. Mishra, Dean, Anthropology, University of Hyderabad and former Director, Anthropological Survey of India;
 12. Dr. Balram Shukla, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi;
 13. Prof. Azad Kaushik, Scientist and International Thinker, Canada;
 14. Pt. M.R. Sharma, Chairman, "Sangmarg" World Brahmin Federation, India, New Delhi;
 15. Representative from Ministry of Culture; and
 16. Representative from Archaeological Survey of India.
- (e) At present, there is no such proposal.