

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3590**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021

**REVAMPING AND RECONSTITUTION OF CABA**

3590. **SHRI D.M. KATHIRANAND:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA) has not met for years and if so, the details thereof and the time and details of the last meeting held by the Board;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to revamp and reconstitute CABA and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the present composition of the Board;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is marred by the absence of subject experts for the top posts including the DG and qualified Archaeologists as Assistant Archaeologists in various circles of ASI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the current status of manpower in ASI and vacancies; and
- (e) the effective steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The last meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) was held on 17.10.2014 which was attended by 53 members including 13 State Government nominee.
- (b) Yes, Sir. As the tenure of earlier Board has expired a five member Standing Committee of CABA assists the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as an interim measure.

(c) No, Sir. The current status of manpower in ASI and vacancies is as under:

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(d) Name of post	Sanctioned Strength	Filled	Vacancy
DG	1	1	0
ADG (Archaeology)	2	1	1
Joint DG (Archaeology)	7	4	3
Director (Archaeology)	18	18	0
SA	48	34	14
Dy. SA	120	21	99
ASA	75	74	1
AA	150	122	28

- (e) Departmental Promotion Committees are regularly held and the vacancies to be filled by UPSC/SSC are promptly referred to them.

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