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TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH AUGUST, 2025

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of different research projects ongoing in Anthropological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) the effect of recent research done by ASI of the various sections of society, mainly on economically weaker sections during the last five years and the manner in which these researches have benefited us;
- (c) the details and the number of scientist and administrative posts sanctioned and vacant in the Anthropological Survey of India, UR, OBC, SC/ST, Pwd etc., category-wise;
- (d) the details of the various recruitment rules of ASI which are followed during the recruitment process;
- (e) the details of the transfer policy of the Anthropological Survey of India for their employees; and
- (f) the future vision of the Anthropological Survey of India for the next ten years to achieve the goal of developed India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The details of different ongoing research projects in Anthropological Survey of India are as under :
- i. Gut Microbial Genomic Study among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of India.
 - ii. Ethnic groups on the inter-state borders of Chhattisgarh, India and their identities, intra and inter ethnic relationships, and development concerns.
 - iii. Impact assessment of the Vibrant Village programme in Himalayan border villages with special reference to tourism development.

- iv. Transformative changes in rural India through Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) through a social impact evaluation from an anthropological perspective.
 - v. Reconstructing the Impact of Paleo-Climate and drought event of Indus-Saraswati Civilization using stable isotope and ancient DNA analyses.
 - vi. Exploring Healthy and Successful Ageing in Smart India (EHSAS) by integrating epigenetics, the digital divide, and energy expenditure with reference to Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).
- (b) During the last five years, research done by Anthropological Survey of India has significantly benefited various sections of society, with a focus on the economically weaker sections. The Microbe Data Bank initiative supports discovery of drugs and promotes native crop cultivation, aiding public health and farmers' livelihoods. The Vibrant Village Programme has assessed socio-economic changes in Himalayan border areas, promoting women's empowerment, cultural preservation, tourism, and sustainable development. Through EHSAS, awareness on active ageing has reduced health risks and costs for elderly citizens. The Paleo project has enriched historical knowledge, fostering cultural pride and heritage-based opportunities. The Community Genetics Extension Programme has spread awareness on genetic risks, enabling timely interventions and informed health choices. The study of De-Notified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Communities provides recommendations for policy formulation and plans to ensure their inclusion in mainstream society. Overall, these initiatives have advanced health, livelihoods, cultural preservation, and policy inclusion, directly uplifting vulnerable and marginalized communities.
- (c) The details and the number of scientist and administrative posts sanctioned and vacant in the Anthropological Survey of India, UR, OBC, SC/ST, PWD etc., category-wise are as under :

Scientific :

Group	Total Sanctioned Posts	Total Vacant Posts	Category	Sanctioned Posts	Vacant Posts
Group A	52	26	UR	21	04
			OBC	14	10
			SC	07	04
			ST	03	01
			EWS	05	05
			PwD	02	02
Group B	37	07	UR	17	02
			OBC	09	01
			SC	05	00
			ST	02	00
			EWS	03	03
			PwD	01	01
Group C	There is no Group C post in Scientific Category.				

Administrative :

Group	Total Sanctioned Posts	Total Vacant Posts	Category	Sanctioned Posts	Vacant Posts
Group A	01	01	UR	01	01
Group B	182	88	UR	66	26
			OBC	50	24
			SC	27	14
			ST	14	07
			EWS	18	15
			PwD	07	02
Group C	176	73	UR	66	26
			OBC	47	18
			SC	26	10
			ST	13	06
			EWS	17	10
			PwD	07	03

- (d) The Anthropological Survey of India follows the recruitment rules notified for various posts under it. The recruitment process is conducted in accordance with these notified recruitment rules.
- (e) The Anthropological Survey of India follows the transfer policy approved by the Ministry of Culture. Employee transfers are carried out in accordance with prescribed guidelines.
- (f) Over the next ten years, the Anthropological Survey of India envisages to align its research with national policies and programmes to contribute to the vision of a developed India. The vision includes promoting socio-economic development of marginalized communities through comprehensive social impact and needs assessments, addressing public health concerns and preserving India's rich tangible and intangible cultural heritage.
