GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

FUNCTIONING OF RAMPUR RAZA LIBRARY

1328. SHRI MOHIBBULLAH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) the present status of Rampur Raza Library including its functioning and activities;

b) the details of the appointment process and qualifications required for the Director of Rampur Raza Library;

c) whether the Government has any plans to upgrade or modernize the library's infrastructure and services; and

d) the details of the steps taken/being taken to promote the library's collections and make them more accessible to researchers and the public?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

a) Rampur Raza Library, an autonomous institution under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, was founded on 7th October, 1774 and later declared as an institution of National Importance under the Rampur Raza Library Act, 1975.

The library preserves a collection of 17,000 rare items, including 150 illustrated manuscripts with around 4,000 paintings, 1,000 miniatures in 35 albums, and 205 handwritten palm-leaf manuscripts. It also houses nearly 2,000 specimens of Islamic calligraphy compiled in 84 albums, along with 300 artefacts and 1,362 historical coins.

It also contains around 67,000 printed books, as well as a rich and diverse collection of periodicals.

b) As per the Recruitment Rules, the post of Director of Rampur Raza Library is filled up by Deputation (including short term contract). The qualifications required are as under:

Essential qualification:

(i)   A renowned scholar in Arabic or Persian or Urdu or Hindi or Sanskrit or History preferably in Medieval History or Islamic Studies or similar discipline of Social Science;
(ii) possessing Master degree in any of the above disciplines from a recognized University or institute;
(iii) Degree of Ph.D. in any of the subjects as mentioned under the essential qualification above;

Desirable qualification:

(i)   Degree or diploma in Library Science or Library and Information Science or Computer Science or Data Processing from a recognized University or institute;
(ii) having published books or research papers on the relevant topic; and
(iii) having relevant experience of teaching or research or administration in a comparable library, University or other teaching or research institution.

The appointment process involves issuing an open advertisement, followed by screening and selection through an interview by Selection Committee. The name of the selected candidate is thereafter submitted for approval of Competent authority.

(c) Rampur Raza Library is fully funded by Ministry of Culture. The funds are also utilized for upgradation and modernization of the library's infrastructure and services.

(d) Rampur Raza Library digitizes its Manuscripts, printed books & other collection to promote the library's collections and make them more accessible to researchers and the public.