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To,  
Shri Prahlad Singh Patel Ji  
Hon'ble Minister of Culture  
Government of India  
7 A, Janpath  
New Delhi

Dated:08.03.2021

Hon'ble Sir,

Indian Library Association is the premier Library and Information Science professionals association in India which is working very closely in association with Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) for the promotion of Library promotion in India. On behalf of ILA I would like to bring the following points to your kind notice. Sir they are as follows:

1. It has come to my notice that the post of the Director General at the National Library of India has been lying vacant since 06.03.2021. In this regard, I would like to draw your kind attention on the following points:
2. The National Library (NL) of India is pride of the Nation. It is flourished with the literature of eminent intellectuals, dignitaries and scholars, who had proven themselves for making India as global leader in various fields of knowledge. It has also been conserved the glorious cultural heritage of our country. Recently in twice, National Library was headed by non-library professionals, a Joint Secretary, who had been placed in Delhi and DG of National Council of Science Museum (NCSM), who had been based on Kolkata. Both of them had no knowledge of Library Science.
3. Joint Secretary was given charge of Director General, National Library due to incompetency of DG, NCSM. However, Joint Secretary, NL was too incapable to take decisions, which scarred upraising the organization to reflect the rich culture of our country to abroad.
4. As a result, the quality of services provided in the past years by NL has remarkably been deteriorated, which attracts my immediate attention to recover the past glory of the institution.
5. Library Science is a subject, which requires the utmost professionalism and technical expertization for the sake of the citizens/users. Such gigantic organization like the National Library can inculcate the reading habits among the children/students, nurture a large community towards progress of civilization and motivate people towards innovation. These are the driving force behind self sustainability of our country and as well as dream of our Honourable Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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In the above circumstances, I request you to appoint/give charge to a library professional as Director General in the National Library to restore its fame as well as to enrich it according to the best possible support.

Sir looking into the above mentioned points ILA once again request you that to appoint only LIS professional in the interest of proper development of libraries in India.

This is for your kind perusal please.

Thanks and regards,

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