6.4 Pending Audit Paras

Report No. 23 of 2013- Union Government (Civil) Compliance Audit Observations.

1. Asiatic Society, Kolkata

Paragraph No.3.1 – Undue benefits to employees

The Asiatic Society, Kolkata, extended undue benefits of Rs.3.09 crore to its employees, which were inconsistent with the provisions of the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations and Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme. Further, it routinely extended the services of staff beyond superannuation age.

2. Report No. 12 of 2017- Union Government (Civil) Compliance Audit Observations.

National Gallery of Modern Art

Paragraph No.8.1 - Idle investment on storage system

Failure of Ministry of Culture to fill up key posts in the National Gallery of Modern Art for over a decade resulted in failure to relocate 16,582 works of art to a new state of the art storage system, leading to idling of investment of Rs. 3.81 crore since March 2014.

3. Report No. 4 of 2018- Union Government (Civil) Compliance Audit Observations.

Asiatic Society, Kolkata

Paragraph No.6.3 – Excess contribution to employees' provident fund

4. Report No. 6 of 2020- Union Government (Civil) Compliance Audit Observations.

Indian Museum, Kolkata

Paragraph No.3.1 - Modernisation of Indian Museum, Kolkata

Indian Museum, Kolkata awarded the modernisation work on nomination basis and executed the work without any conservation plan or preparation of Detailed Project Report and proper planning. Major works pertaining to providing modern storage system, fire-fighting, firedetection and prevention and HVAC were not taken up though sanctioned. It also did not ensure financial safeguards and failed in monitoring of the quality of work in the initial phases. Works sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 83.66 crore were executed for Rs. 105.70 crore, with works estimated to cost Rs. 25.76 crore not awarded at all. Proper conservation processes were also not followed during renovation resulting in damage to priceless artefacts.

The status of the ATNs in respect of Ministry of Culture (As on 29.01.2021)

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| No. | para | /PAC reports on | pending | | |
| | | which ATNs have been submitted to PAC after vetting by Audit | No. of ATNs not sent by the Ministry even for the first time | No. of ATNs sent but returned with observations and Audit is awaiting their resubmission by the Ministry | No. of ATNs which have been finally vetted by the audit but have not been submitted by the Ministry to PAC |
| 1. | 2013 | - | | 1 | - |
| 2. | 2017 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 3. | 2018 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 4. | 2020 | - | 1 | - | - |