

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2917**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/3/2018**

**“ESTABLISHMENT A MUSEUM AT THE BIRTH PLACE OF SITA AT SITAMARHI,  
BIHAR”**

† 2917. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether strengthening of museums working for protection and development of culture and heritage of country and construction of new museums is one of the major activities under the purview of ministry;
- (b) whether Government is running a museum grant scheme for construction and strengthening of museums;
- (c) whether there is a provision for private sector partnership for financing under museum grant scheme at present and if not, whether there is any proposal in this regards; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to establish a museum at the birth place of Sita at Punaura in Sitamarhi, Bihar under museum grant scheme?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture; and Minister of State,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture operates “Museum Grant Scheme”, under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies, Societies and Trusts registered as a society under the Indian Societies Act of 1860 (XXI) or a similar legislation of the State Governments for setting up of new museums and modernization and development of existing museums.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.