

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.21  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2018

ASI CIRCLE IN AMARAVATHI, A.P.

21. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether entire Secretariat of ASI Circle of Hyderabad has been shifted to Amaravathi, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) when did ASI ask for accommodation in new capital of Amaravathi in Andhra Pradesh from Government of A.P.;
- (c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has provided accommodation to ASI, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of sanctioned strength of ASI Circle office in Amaravathi in A.P., the present strength and by when the vacancies, if any, are going to be filled?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Sir. Only the office of the Amaravathi Circle dealing with the ASI matter falling within the jurisdiction of Andhra Pradesh has been shifted from Hyderabad to Vijayawada in August, 2017.
- (b) Archaeological Survey of India has requested the Commissioner, Capital Region Development Authority, Vijayawada on 01.06.2017 for office accommodation at Amaravathi for ASI, Amaravathi Circle. However, no response has been received so far.
- (c) No, Sir. ASI, Amaravathi Circle is presently functioning from a rented accommodation at Vijayawada.
- (d) The total sanctioned strength of ASI, Amaravathi Circle is 254, out of which 149 are filled up and 105 are lying vacant. ASI has taken up with the Staff Selection Commission for filling up the vacancies.