

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1771
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2022

MAULANA ABUL KALAM INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES (MAKAIAS)

1771. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) under the Ministry of Culture is being made a part of Viswa Bharati University;
- (b) if so, whether the consent of the State Government of West Bengal has been taken, since land for MAKAIAS was given free to the Ministry on specific terms;
- (c) whether such a proposal has been endorsed by the nominees of Government of West Bengal in the Executive Council of MAKAIAS; and
- (d) number of seminars, workshops, projects, visits, publications, etc., organised or supported by MAKAIAS during the last five years and details of the participants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) No final decision has been taken in this regard.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Such a proposal has not yet been endorsed by the nominees of the Government of West Bengal in the Executive Council of MAKAIAS.
- (d) MAKAIAS has organised around 260 Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Panel Discussions, Lectures etc., 4 Visits and 10 Publications during the last five years. In this regard, the details of some of these have been annexed.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1771 FOR 17TH MARCH, 2022 REGARDING MAULANA ABUL KALAM INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES (MAKAIAS)

Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Panel Discussions, Lectures etc. during the last five years :

- i) 17th - 18th February, 2017 : International Conference on “Lifelong Learning in Developing Countries: Issues and Perspectives” in collaboration with Kalyani University
- ii) 11th November, 2018 : On the occasion of birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Jayanta Kumar Ray, National Research Professor, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- iii) 26th November, 2019 : A day long National Seminar on the occasion of Constitution Day in association with Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata
- iv) 13th - 14th February, 2020 : National Seminar on “China’s One Belt One Road Initiative and its impacts on India’s Foreign Policy” in collaboration with Government Brennen College, Thalassery, Kerala.
- v) 12th January, 2021: National Seminar on the theme “Swami Vivekananda’s Mission and Vision to the Youth in the Post Modern Age”
- vi) 24th March, 2021 : National Webinar on “COVID-19 Vaccination & India's Soft Diplomacy in Asia”. Lecture was delivered by Professor Ajoy Ray, former Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science & Technology, Shibpur & Dr. Hirakjyoti Sanyal, Medical Advisor, MAKAIAS

Visits during the last five years :

- i) 3rd January, 2019 : Delegates from Vidyarthi Vikash, Andaman and Nicobar Islands participated and joined the Symposium on Education and Cultural Exchange programme.
- ii) 7th February, 2019 : Dr. R. Nagaswamy, Former Commissioner, Department of Museum and Archaeology, Tamil Nadu and Dr. T. Satyamurthy, Former Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, visited the Institute and talked about the “Socio-Cultural Link between South East Asian Countries with special reference to Banga or Bengal”

Publications during the last five years :

- i) Peace, development and community: the Look East imagination of India with special reference to North East India. Imankalyan Lahiri, New Delhi, KW Pub, 2017 (21/02/2017)
- ii) Understanding the Utility and Similarity of Yoga and Namaz, Sujit K. Ghosh (Introduction), Parul Prakashani, 2021.
- iii) INA and North East India, Sujit K. Ghosh, Guwahati, EBH Publisher, 2021.
