

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.534
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

CLOSURE OF REGIONAL OFFICE OF ICCR AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

534. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of *EXTERNAL AFFAIRS* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided for the closure of regional office of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether letter no: MPRS/06/1134/2022 dated 7th June, 2022 sent to the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs was examined wherein a request to retain the regional office of ICCR at Thiruvananthapuram was made; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI)

(a) to (d) In the reorganization of ICCR's work and to ensure efficiency and economy in its operations, and taking all aspects into consideration, the Statutory bodies of ICCR had decided to merge seven Regional Offices with the Zonal Offices. Subsequently, the ICCR Regional Office in Thiruvananthapuram has been merged with Zonal Office, Bengaluru. Henceforth, activities carried out by the Regional Office in Thiruvananthapuram will continue to be dealt by the Zonal Office, Bengaluru.
