

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 909
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

NATURAL HISTORY PARK AND MUSEUM IN VISHAKHAPATNAM

909. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal by National Council of Science and Museums (NCSM) to establish a Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) and Research Institute in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) details of the proposed museum and research institute;
- (c) other cities where such Museums exist in the country;
- (d) location, area extent and status of land allotment;
- (e) status of the proposal and timeframe for implementation of the proposal;
- (f) estimated budget and sources of funding; and
- (g) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Earth Sciences has sanctioned ₹38 crore for the construction of the Museum and details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)to(f): No, Sir. There is no proposal by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture to establish a Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) and Research Institute in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

However, State-Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has mooted the project and they have selected NCSM, Kolkata for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) only, as a consultancy agency.

(g): Ministry of Earth Sciences has released an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakh as seed money to Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) for the preparation of DPR.
