GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 818 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CULTURAL UNIVERSITY

818. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI: SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ: SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has designed an action plan for the establishment of a National Cultural University in India, with its headquarters in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, with further details about the States where the affiliated colleges shall be set up; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KRISHAN REDDY)

- (a): No, Sir. There is no proposal by name 'National Cultural University'. However, Government is in the process of setting up of 'Indian Institute of Heritage' (IIH) as a Deemed to be University as per University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2019 at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) and (c): Notification regarding constitution of Board of Management of the Indian Institution of Heritage (IIH) was issued on 7.7.2023. The Memorandum of Association of IIH (in accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations 2019 and its amendment dated 18.11.2020) has been sent to the UGC for vetting, before obtaining the final approval of Ministry of Education. The UGC has approved the agenda on 12th July, 2023 for its Commission Meeting on 25th July, 2023. In the meantime, a Committee has been constituted on 18.07.2023 to go into the various aspects of integration of academic courses with the Indian Institute of Heritage.