

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1291
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

NEW SCIENCE MUSEUMS IN THE COUNTRY

1291. DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new science museums opened in the country during the last four years, State-wise, year-wise;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to open museums based on cultural heritage to promote the traditions of various parts of the country;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to open them up for sight-seeing for students to encourage and motivate them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Ministry of Culture is developing new science centres/museums across the country under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS). National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, is the implementing agency for developing Science Centres/Cities/Museums/Innovation Hubs under SPoCS Scheme. Details of new science museums opened in the country during the last four years, State-wise, year-wise, is annexed at Annexure.
- (b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): All Science Centres are open for public including school & college students. In addition to this, various NCSM Science Centres also organize several annual programmes for School & College students like Science Fairs, Science Seminars, Science Drama, Science Demonstration Lectures, Travelling Science Exhibitions etc.

Further, all ASI site museums are also open to the general public. On special days, students from local schools are also invited for participation in various cultural events, competitions, heritage walks etc. Students below the age of 15 years get free entry to the museums.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF RAJYA SABHA
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Science Museums/Science Centre(s) set up by NCSM during the last four years State-wise/year-wise and are functioning under the administrative control of NCSM

Sl. No.	Name of the NCSM Unit	Year of Establishment	Located in State/UT
01.	Palampur Science Centre, Palampur	May 14, 2022	Himachal Pradesh

Science Centres developed by NCSM during the last four years State-wise/year-wise and handed over to States/UT's after inauguration

Sl. No.	Science Centers/Museums	Year of Establishment	Located in State/UT
01.	Bargarh Science Centre, Bargarh	January 21, 2020	Odisha
02.	Udaypur Science Centre, Tripura	February 28, 2021	Tripura
03.	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bodhgaya	July 20, 2023	Bihar
