

Rajya Sabha

Unstarred Question No.1141
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum

1141. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR

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

- (a) the progress of the Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum (YYBM) and by when the North and South Blocks will be made available for reconversion;
- (b) whether India has formally signed or is negotiating an agreement with France for the Agence France-Museums or some other French organisation to assist in converting the two Blocks to YYBM;
- (c) the terms, the timelines involved and the charges by the French agency;
- (d) the total estimated expenditure and timeline for completion of YYBM; and
- (e) the fate and role of the National Museum thereafter?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM

(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The reconversion of North Block & South Block into museum involves a number of steps. The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs is concerned with restoration of North and South Block buildings which will be taken up after the Ministries

occupying these buildings are shifted into the new Common Central Secretariat Buildings.

(b), (c) & (d) This Ministry is in the process of finalising an MoU with the France Museums based on a 2020 Letter of Intent signed between the two countries for the same.

(e) A decision on the existing building of National Museum is yet to be taken.
