

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 347
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

NATIONAL MUSEUM AND YUGA YUGREEN BHARAT MUSEUM

347. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

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

- (a) the Government's present view on its earlier decision to raze down the National Museum to accommodate Common Central Secretariat buildings;
- (b) whether all the antiquities housed in the National Museum are being moved to the proposed YugaYugeen Bharat Museum in North and South Blocks or are just a part of them planned to be transferred;
- (c) whether Government or the National Museum has signed or is negotiating with the Louvre Museum of Paris for a consultancy project for the proposed YugaYugeen Bharat Museum and/or the National Museum; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) A decision on the existing building of National Museum is yet to be taken.
- (b) The proposed Museum is likely to have artefacts from not only the National Museum but also other Museums in India.
- (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. The Draft Cabinet Note is in process of Inter-Ministerial consultation in this regard. Once completed, it will be put up before the Cabinet for approval.
