

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

Hamari Dharohar

1254. SHRI B. V. NAIK:

Will the Minister of MINORITYAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the achievement made under ambitious scheme of Central Government named "Hamari Dharohar" in last three years;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under this scheme, State-wise and various project-wise; and
- (c) the number of projects completed till now with regard to the conservation of rich heritage of minority communities under this scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (c): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements a scheme- 'Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to Preserve Rich Heritage of Minority Communities of India under the Overall Concept of Indian Culture' since 2014-15. The scheme aims to curate rich heritage of minorities under overall concept of Indian Culture, curating exhibitions, preservation of literature/ documents etc, support and promotion of calligraphy, Research and Development. During the last three years, notable achievements are as under:

- (i) An iconic international exhibition of Parsis i.e. "The Everlasting Flame" to showcase the civilization and culture of the Parsis (Zoroastrians). This involved curating three travelling exhibitions on Parsi culture namely- 'The Everlasting Flame', "Threads of Continuity" and "Across the Oceans and Flowing Silks', during March to May 2016 at the National Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts at New Delhi. So far, an amount of Rs. 17.22 Crore has been spent for the above project against the sanctioned amount.

(ii) Ministry also sanctioned project to Dairatul Maarifil Osmania (an institution established in 1888), Osmania University, Telangana for translation from Arabic language into English, digitization and reprinting of 240 valuable documents belonging to Medievel period on the subjects of Medicines, Mathematics, Literature, etc. So far, an amount of Rs. 2.77 Crore has been released to Dairatul Maarifil Osmania.

(iii) A project namely- 'Protection of Parsi heritage- Navsari' has also been sanctioned in March 2018, at the cost of Rs. 9.98 Crore. So far, an amount of Rs. 5.00 Lakh has been released for the purpose.
