

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3663
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2019

CONVERSION OF INS VIRAAAT INTO MARITIME MUSEUM

3663. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration for conversion of Indian Navy's longest-serving aircraft carrier INS Viraat, into India's first-ever moored maritime museum-cum-marine adventure centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ship will host bio-diversity centres and marine adventure centre providing sailing and scuba-diving experiences with virtual galleries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of aircraft carriers so far which have been converted into museums, theme parks and luxury hotels globally?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): A proposal for conversion of INS Viraat, post-decommissioning, as a Museum / Hotel, has been forwarded by Government of Maharashtra and the same has been approved in-principle.

(c) & (d): The proposal caters for maritime / water / adventure sports facilities in addition to facilities such as hotels, convention centres, restaurants etc.

(e) No authentic information in this regard is with Ministry of Defence.
