

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1202
(To be answered on the 9th February 2023)**

TRANSFER OF ART WORKS

**1202. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Air India proposes to borrow some of its 4,000 paintings, sculptures and other artefacts including works by M.F. Husain, S.H. Raza and Salvador Dali ashtrays, to recreate the airline's history and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Culture in a symbolic handing over of the art works that would be housed at the National Gallery of Modern Arts (NGMA) after they are transferred 'in six to seven months' from Mumbai where they are stored in a godown at Air India's office in Nariman Point; and

(c) if so, the details and present status thereof?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) : Air India has requested for transfer of some items of general nature i.e. old calendars, diaries, books, audio/video cassettes, posters, greeting cards etc. which are of value to them from the point of view of the legacy.

(b) and (c): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for transfer of the art works acquired by the Air India Limited to National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) has been signed on 18.01.2023 by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Culture, AI Assets Holding Limited, NGMA and Air India.
