CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MUSEUM IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

5104. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any new steps/proposal for the maintenance and conservation of monuments and antiquities brought back by the Indian Government in the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government plans to construct a new museum in the national capital for repatriated antiquities brought back by the Government since 2014; and

(d) the details of the initiatives taken by the Government to ensure that all national museums are updated with the latest gadgets and technology?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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(a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3696 Centrally Protected Monuments and Sites in the country and takes up conservation and maintenance of the monuments as per the requirement and availability of resources. A total number of 231 antiquities were brought back by Government of India since 2014 from various countries.

(b) ASI has a “Gallery of Confiscated and Retrieved Antiquities” in Purana Qila (Old Fort), New Delhi which is dedicated to the repatriated antiquities brought back by the government.

(d) ASI continuously strives to upgrade museums under its jurisdiction by incorporation of digital technology, such as AR-VR, digital display and audio visual equipments etc. as per the availability of space and requirements of the museum.

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