# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

### **LOK SABHA**

# UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1679 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

### "FUND ALLOCATED TO CENTRAL MUSEUM PROJECTS"

## 1679. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds for conservation, renovation and protection of archaeologically important bronze sculptures, stone sculptures, Icons, Inscriptions, ancient coins and terracotta objects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated to Museums in various States and Central Museums projects during the last nine years; year-wise to heritage monuments in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the total funds allocated to archaeological excavations, site Museums and publications during the last nine years?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

### (G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Union Government allocates budget each financial year to Archaeological Survey of India and all Eight Museums under Ministry of Culture for conservation renovation and protection of archaeologically important bronze sculptures, stone sculptures, Icons, Inscriptions, Ancient Coins and terracotta objects, etc.
- (c) & (d) The year wise allocation of Budget to the Exploration and Excavation Division, Museum Division, and Publication Division, Archaeological Survey of India for the last 9 financial years is enclosed in Annexure I. The funds allocated to Museum projects in Tamilnadu in last 9 years is at Annexure-II, and details of funds allocated to site museums are at Annexure-III.

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