

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1818**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

OPENING OF NEW SCIENCE MUSEUMS IN MADHYA PRADESH

1818. SHRIMATI SANDHYA RAY :  
SHRI VINOD L . CHAVDA :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is establishing Science Museums across the country through National Council of Science Museums;
- (b) If so, the details of new Science Museums opened in the country during the last three years, State-wise especially in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering on opening museums based on cultural heritage to promote our vast, rich and incredible traditions of various States;
- (d) Whether the Government has any plan for establishing science museums in Bhind and Datia districts of Madhya Pradesh and Bhuj, Abdasa, Ghandhidham, Rapar, Mandvi and Anjar districts of Gujrat; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata, an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is the implementing agency for setting up of Science Cities/Science Centres/Museums under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) of Govt. of India across the country.

- (b): (i) Udaipur Science Centre, Tripura - Inaugurated on 28.02.2021  
(ii) Palampur Science Centre, Himachal Pradesh - Inaugurated on 14.05.2022  
(iii) Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gaya, Bihar –Inaugurated on 20.07.2023.  
(iv) Regional Science Centre, Kottayam – Handed over to Govt. of Kerala on 11.05.2022 and the Centre is ready for inauguration.

No new science museums has been opened in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat in the last three years.

(c): Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Ministry of Culture, Government of India, endeavors to develop new archaeological museums based on the requirements at the sites, to showcase the rich historical traditions of the nation.

ASI is considering to develop following new museums :

- (i) Epigraphy Museum at Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad.  
(ii) Adichanallur site Museum, Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu

Besides, ASI maintains and periodically upgrades various museums under its jurisdiction, for promotion of the rich historical traditions of the nation.

Moreover, the Ministry of Culture operates 'Museum Grant Scheme' under which financial assistance is provided to Centre/State Government, Autonomous bodies, NGOs, Trust, Public Sector Undertakings and Societies registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 to develop/establish and modernization/upgradation of the existing museum at regional, state and district level of the country.

(d) : No. However, if the proposal is received as per guidelines of the existing Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) through the State Govt., Ministry of Culture would consider the proposal on merit.

(e) : Not applicable.

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