

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 511
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

OPENING OF MUSEUMS BASED ON CULTURAL HERITAGE

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

- a) the details of new science museums opened in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- b) whether the Government is considering on opening museums based on cultural heritage to promote our vast, rich and incredible traditions of various States; and
- c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

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(a) : National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata, an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has taken up various projects for setting up of Science Cities/Science Centres under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) of Govt. of India in various States/UT in India. The following are the Science Museums opened in last 03 years.

- 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.

(b) & (c): Yes, 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 existing museum at regional, state and district level.
