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STEPS TO IMPROVE SECURITY OF MUSEUMS

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Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps in coordination with the State Governments to improve the security, protection and management of museums;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is aware that Raza Library in the Rampur district in Uttar Pradesh and other museums are suffering with the shortage of staff and are being run under improper/ineffective management; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve their condition?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

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- (a) Ministry of Culture administrated National Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art (3 Branches), Salar Jung Museum, Allahabad Museum, Indian Museum, Victoria Memorial Hall and National Council of Science Museums. Some of these museums have deployed CISF for its security and some are manned by hired security personnel. Under security norms the State Government is providing two-armed constable for security purposes to Allahabad Museum, other than Museum's own security system.

Archaeological Survey of India creates, develops, protects and maintains Archaeological Site Museums which showcases the excavated antiquities/detached fragments from monuments and sites. The internal museum management is done by Archaeological Survey of India, whereas the museum surroundings and local security is coordinated by local administration of the respective State Governments.

(b) & (c) The Rampur Raza Library is an Autonomous body of Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

As per the 52nd board meeting the Library will now be upgraded to a Museum cum Library along with creation of 25 new posts in 13 categories to make the management more effective.

Further, funds of 7.24 Cr. is also being provided by the National Mission on Libraries of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, with a vision to re- envision the institution and adapt it to the need of the younger generation.
