

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2390
ANSWERED ON- 18/12/2023

REPATRIATION OF ARTEFACTS

2390. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any demands were made for bringing back over 5000 artefacts that were excavated in Adichanallur, Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu, but were taken to foreign museums in the past;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the time by which the museum at Adichanallur is likely to be ready;
- (d) whether a amphitheatre will be built and there will be light and sound shows at the Museum complex, to attract more tourists; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. No such demand has been made.
- (c) The work has started and the foundation stone of the museum at Adichanallur was laid on 05.08.2023.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. An amphitheatre is planned to be created in the ambit of Archaeological Museum Complex to attract more tourists.
