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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUSEUMS

*** 115. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he held any bilateral meeting with a German Delegation recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding cooperation between the Museums of India and Germany has been signed in the said meeting and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to explore the possibilities to translate classics belonging to both countries into German and Indian languages and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the museums situated in various cities across the country have sought any financial assistance in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds sanctioned and released by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism held a bilateral meeting on 1st November, 2019 with a German Delegation led by Prof. Monika Grutters, Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media. At the said meeting, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding cooperation between the National Museum, New Delhi, the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, the Indian Museum Kolkata, the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss was signed.

(c) During the meeting, discussion were held to explore the possibilities to translate classics belonging to both countries into German and Indian languages.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

