

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2136**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**AUCTION OF GIFTS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER**

**2136. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:**

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

- (a) whether the auction of 2,772 gifts given to Hon'ble Prime Minister has been extended again;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that one of the reasons for the extension of auction was that many items were yet to receive any bids; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**ANSWER**

(a) & (b) : E-auction of 2,772 gifts presented to Hon'ble Prime Minister was conducted by National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) Delhi, a Sub-ordinate organization under Ministry of Culture from 14.09.2019 to 03.10.2019. Extension of e-auction was granted twice on 01.10.2019 and 17.10.2019. The auction has been closed on 24.10.2019.

(c) & (d) : Bids of all gift items were received before closing the e-auction on 24.10.2019. Extensions were given to increase people's participation as the sale proceeds are meant for charitable cause- "Namami Gange" project of the Government.

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