

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2228  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019

SETTING UP OF MUSEUM AT PURANA QUILA

**2228.** SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) proposes to set up/build another museum to house objects excavated from across India which have been lying in the Central Antiquities Collection (CAC) at Purana Quila and if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind this move;
- (b) the time by which the said museum is scheduled to be completed and will be open for the common public; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned/ likely to be sanctioned for the setting up such museum at Purana Quila?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The museum will be housed in the arched cells of Purana Quila. Central Antiquity Collection Section is a center for housing the collection of antiquities explored and excavated by Archaeological Survey of India. These antiquities date back from the Prehistoric period to post Independence era. The objective to open new museum is to display antiquities such as tools, potteries, terracotta, beads of semi-precious stones, sculptures, architectural fragments, etc. for general public, students and research scholars.
- (b) The museum is proposed to be opened by April 2020.
- (c) The estimated cost of the project is Rs.2 crore.