

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. † 4358
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

DEVELOPMENT OF MUSEUMS IN DARBHANGA AS NATIONAL MUSEUM

† 4358 SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether there is any policy/ plan to develop two historical museums in Darbhanga as National Museums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan/ policy to start a research institute at local level for preservation and promotion of mythological and historical Maithili and Kaithi script; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) & (b) : There is no policy/plan to develop two historical museums in Darbhanga as National Museum. However, Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of new Museums by State Governments and Societies, Autonomous bodies, Local Bodies and Trusts registered under the Societies Act, to strengthen and modernize the existing museums at the regional, state and district level, digitization of art objects in the museums across the country for making their images/catalogues available over the website and for capacity building of museum professionals. Further, it is stated that Museum Grant Scheme is applicable to all States and UTs of the country.
- (c) & (d) : No Sir, there is no plan/policy to start a research institute at local level for preservation and promotion of mythological and historical Maithili and Kaithi script.