1280. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it true that museums or memorials on Veer Savarkar and other forgotten heroes of our freedom fight, national movement and nationhood are either very few or non-existent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to address this issue?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

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(a) to (c): No Sir, There are several museums or memorials that are there in the country on the forgotten heroes of our freedom national movement and nationhood. Some of the museums/memorials set up by the Government are:

1. 1857 - India’s First War of Independence
2. Yaad-e-Jallian
3. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Army
4. Azaadi-ke-Diwane
5. 1857 Residency Museum, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
6. Nirbhik Subhash
7. Museum on Birsa Munda, Ranchi, Jharkhand
8. Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial, Amritsar, Punjab

Ministry of Culture operates a Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments, Voluntary Institutions, Societies and Trusts registered as a society under the Indian Societies Act of 1860 (XXI) or a similar legislation of the state governments for setting up of new museums and
development of existing museums. A list of museums/memorials setup through grant-in-aid under Museum Grant Scheme by the Ministry is as follows:-

1. INA Museum, Imphal, Manipur
2. Netaji Birth Place, Cuttack, Orissa
3. Pandit G.B. Pant Folk Art Museum, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
4. Museum by Netaji Research Bureau, West Bengal
5. Freedom Fighters Museum by Office of Cantonment Board, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

The Biplobi Bharat gallery being set up at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata includes a section on Veer Savarkar. Ministry of Culture has also constructed a cultural center in the memory of Rani Gaidinliu, famous freedom fighter from Nagaland at District Peren in Nagaland under her Centenary Commemoration celebrated during 2015-16.

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