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

(a) whether the National Council of Science Museums have signed an MoU with CSIR for the setting up of Science Museums at selected CSIR laboratories to promote scientific temper among the people of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to establish a science museum in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. An MOU has been signed between National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) & CSIR on 29.09.2021 for setting up of Science Museums/Centres within selected CSIR premises for popularization of science in the country.

(c)&(d): NCSM is setting up a Science Centre (Category-II) at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh at the cost of Rs.15.20 crores, shared between the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India (Rs.6.55 crore) and Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (Rs.8.65 crore).

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