GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 25 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

SETTING UP OF SCIENCE CENTRE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

25. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

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

- (a) the time by which the Ministry proposes to set up Science Centre at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the target date of completion and the initial estimated expenditure;
- (c) whether there is any time and cost overrun;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the project is on course to be completed before the deadline of August, 2022; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b): An MoU for setting up Science Centre (Category-II) Rajahmundry was signed on 18th May, 2018 as per Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) guidelines and the work is in progress. The work is likely to be completed by August, 2022. Cost of the project is Rs.15.20 crores.
- (c)&(d): Due to COVID-19 pandemic and other issues, the completion of the project has been delayed. The work is likely to be completed by August, 2022. There has been no cost overrun.
- (e): Yes.
- (f): Not applicable.