

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2944
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR CULTURAL PROJECTS IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

2944. SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated and utilized by the Union Government for various cultural assistance and projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the ongoing cultural programmes and projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands; and
- (c) the details of the projects likely to be completed on time and the projects lagging behind schedule along with the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government of India has released grant to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization of Ministry of Culture for setting up of a Sub-Regional Science Centre, Mayabundar in A&N Islands and an Innovation Hub at Science Centre, Port Blair in A&N Islands under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPOCS) of Govt. of India during the last 3 years:

| Year | Grant released to NCSM |
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| 2018-19 | Rs 13.71 lakhs |
| 2019-20 | Rs 177.35 lakhs |
| 2020-21 | - |
| 2021-22 | Rs 17.01 lakhs |

(b) & (c): After approval for setting up of Science Centre in A&N Islands, Letter of Intent for construction work was issued by NCSM to Public Works Department (PWD), A & N Islands on 5th March, 2019. However, the work at site has not been initiated due to the fact that PWD, A & N Islands is unable to finalise the agency for the work despite two attempts of tendering.

