GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3230 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2022

FOOD MUSEUM IN TAMILNADU

3230. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India recently inaugurated the food museum in Thanjavur, Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the inaugural function has been done without the presence of the representatives i.e. local MP, MLA and also the district collector;

- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the salient features of the newly opened food museum in Thanjavur; and
- (f) the total cost/expenditure incurred for setting up of this food museum?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Food Corporation of India (FCI) virtually inaugurated the Food Museum in Thanjavur, Tamilnadu.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The inauguration of Food Museum was done virtually in view of Covid Protocol.

(e): The newly opened Food Museum has following salient features:

- i. A gallery on 'FCI Food Museum' is built up for creating public awareness about ensuring food security for citizens of the country.
- ii. A gallery is developed with the help of Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bangalore across an area of about 920 Sqft for showing theme on 'From Foragers to Farmers', 'Major Grains and Pulses', 'Food Security' etc.
- iii. There is a Virtual Reality (VR) 180 degree 3D film showing the role of FCI towards ensuring food security of the country.

(f): An expenditure of Rs. 139.60 Lakhs was incurred for setting up of the food museum.
