

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 63
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025**

MUSEUM STORES IN VICTORIA MEMORIAL AND INDIAN MUSEUM

63. MS MAHUA MOITRA:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has a plan to set up cafe and museum store in the Victoria Memorial, Kolkata which has the highest footfall and Indian Museum, Kolkata keeping with their international standards;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government has a plan to organize festival of Indian overseas in London or Paris or New York as we march towards 2027, the 80th year of independence; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) & (b): Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) and Indian Museum (IM), Kolkata are already having Cafe/Museum Store within their premises.
- (c) & (d): No. There is no plan of organizing Festival of India in London or Paris or New York during 2025-26. Further, Festival of India is not finalized for FY 2026-27.
