

(c) whether it is a fact that a special audit was carried out at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library which revealed financial irregularities therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) is an autonomous body of Ministry of Culture and the details of the grants released to the NMML in the last 3 years are given below:-

Rs. in lakhs			
Sl.No.	Year	Plan Grant	Non-Plan Grant
1	2007-08	244.95	669.98
2	2008-09	919.99	792.31
3	2009-10	1429.55	1033.16

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The Report has mentioned some procedural and codal irregularities and the Government is seized of the matter.

Assistance to NGOs

445. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes in his Ministry under which assistance is provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations;

(b) the amount sanctioned during 2008-2009 and 2009-10 to the NGOs, scheme-wise;

(c) the names of the NGOs blacklisted by his Ministry for non-satisfactory performance in the execution of such schemes; and

(d) the guidelines/criteria for assistance to NGOs under the schemes 'seminar' and 'construction of buildings' along with the number of proposals received during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Mission on monsoon

446. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed a National Mission on Monsoon to develop reliable dynamic models for forecasting monsoon in the coming 3-5 years;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed mission; and
- (c) the difference between the existing models of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and the proposed new ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has mooted a proposal to take up a National Mission on Monsoon to develop most representative and advanced dynamic model framework for India for forecasting monsoon rainfall and its variability in various space and time scales. A National level consultation meeting was organised with experts working in the atmospheric and oceanic modeling alongside the MoES units, viz. India Meteorological Department (IMD), Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad etc., on 16th January, 2010 for finalizing the scope, identification and short-listing of suite of models, activity schedule, roles of various participating groups, time frame etc. for the preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR). National level implementation mechanism is being worked out. A steering committee shall be constituted for overseeing the Mission implementation.

(c) Currently, IMD uses statistical models for the prediction of seasonal monsoon rainfall over India. However, the National Mission on Monsoon envisages developing India specific dynamical model framework that would outperform the existing suite of models available today.

Visit of Sri Lankan President

447. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recent visit of the Hon'ble President of Sri Lanka;
- (b) the details of the agreements signed by the two countries during the visits;
- (c) whether India has committed itself to take part in the rehabilitation of Sri Lankan Tamil people who were devastated during the war between LTTE and Sri Lankan Government; and