

Servicing of fire extinguishers in National Library of India

1576. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Library of India is well equipped and prepared for emergency situations like fire incidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that fire extinguishers in the library have not been serviced and recharged for over five years; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Madam.

- (b) The details of installed equipments are as below:—
 - (i) Wet Riser system in entire building and yard with all allied accessories and standby systems.
 - (ii) Sprinkler system in entire building with all allied accessories.
 - (iii) Intelligent addressable automatic fire alarm system covering all spaces of the building with all allied accessories.
- (c) No, Madam. The fire extinguishers in the Library are serviced and recharged periodically.
- (d) Does not arise.

Preservation of residence of Lakshminath Bezbaruah

1577. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has received representation from the Government of Assam regarding special measures to be taken for preservation of the residence of Lakshminath Bezbaruah at Sambalpur in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the action taken thereupon and the present status of the residence?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The residence of Lakshminath Bezbaruah at Sambalpur in Orissa is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India. No such representation from Government of Assam has been received.