

Rotating art objects for display in National Museum

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any policy of rotating art objects for display in the National Museum;
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of its total collection of 2.06 lakh art objects, only 7,178 have been displayed and nine galleries out of 26 are closed; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is a policy for displaying these objects by rotation. Only selected exhibits are displayed for education/propagation of culture. Objects on display in different galleries are rotated periodically, both to enable visitors to see different objects and also for preventive conservation of the objects. Besides this, there are arrangements for display of 'Object of the Month' and 'Gallery of the Month' where displayed objects are rotated at regular intervals. Special exhibitions are also organized with objects from reserve collections.

(b) and (c) Out of the total collection of 2,06,000 objects in National Museum, 15,681 are presently on display. Seven galleries viz. Decorative Arts, Manuscripts, Central Asian Antiquities, Thanjavur Paintings, Wood Carving, Bronze Gallery and North East are closed for renovation. National Museum has already initiated action for renovation of these galleries after completion of codal formalities.

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any natural site/heritage monument in the country that has been put in endangered list by the UNESCO during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No. Sir, There is no natural site/heritage monument in the country that has been put in endangered list by UNESCO during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.