

Setting up of public library in NE States

1277. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided for setting up of public library in panchayat, block and district level under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the year-wise and State-wise details of allocation made, funds released and utilization along with criterion fixed in this regard; and

(c) the details of proposals received to sanction under the 10 per cent budgetary provision of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) as well as proposal-wise amount sanctioned, amount released including utilization and achievement made in this regard along with total fund incurred till date?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Construction of new museums under CSS

1278. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provided assistance to the State Governments for construction of new museums under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated, amount released and utilization made by the State Government of Assam for last three years; and

(d) the details of criterion fixed for implementation of the funds for construction of new museums in a State?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) and (b) A Central Scheme for giving Assistance for "Setting up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and local Museums" is operated by this Ministry, under which financial assistance is given for construction of new Museums since 2008-2009. Under this Scheme, Government has given, in principle,