

Non-verification of objects in National Museums

4516. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the physical verification of the objects in National Museum, New Delhi and National Gallery of Modern Arts, New Delhi has not been conducted since 2003;

(b) whether Government is aware that such a state of affairs will allow unscrupulous elements to mishandle our invaluable national treasure; and

(c) whether Government propose to come out with a complete list of objects in these institutions of national importance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) and (b) Physical verification of objects is undertaken once in ten years in National Museum. The last physical verification was carried out in 2003. The next verification is due for 2013.

As regards National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, physical verification of objects has recently been carried out in 2012.

(c) The respective organizations maintain complete list of each object in their possession.

Cultural heritage centres identified in Uttar Pradesh

‡4517. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cultural heritage centres and other heritage sites identified in Uttar Pradesh and other States as on date;

(b) the arrangement made by Central Government and the State Governments for the safety and conservation of the said heritage sites;

(c) the amount spent for this purpose during the last three financial years; and

(d) the details of the proposals submitted by Uttar Pradesh and other State Governments in this regard?

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.