

strengthening programmes/schemes undertaken by its various offices like Archaeological Survey of India, which is engaged in the conservation of centrally protected monument in the country, and through the schemes and institutions for promotion and dissemination of Art and Culture; and for strengthening and upgrading the activities in Archives and Archival Libraries, Museums, Public libraries, Anthropology, Memorials and Buddhist Institutions.

(d) Yes, Sir. In August, 2010, Ministry of Culture constituted a Committee on Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) under the Chairmanship of Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, MP (RS) Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra and Shri Amol Palekar were the other members of this Committee. The Committee was required to look into the functioning and performance of the seven ZCCs set up in the Country. The Committee submitted its Report on 11th April, 2011.

Establishment of cultural centre in Uttarakhand

†1571. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of places in the country where Cultural Centres have been established at present;

(b) whether Government would consider establishing Cultural Centres in those districts of the country where such centres have not been established yet; and

(c) whether the Ministry has received any request for establishing a Cultural Centre in the State of Uttarakhand and if so, the details of action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):

(a) and (b) The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objectives of the ZCCs are the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional folk arts and culture of all States/ UTs including Uttarakhand.

(c) No proposal has been received from the State of Uttarakhand for establishing cultural centre.

Majuli island for World Heritage list

1572. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.