

- C. *Superintendent of Museum, Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Additional Director, Patna Museum, Patna; Director, State Museum, Lucknow; Director, Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad; Director Government Museum, Almora, Uttrakhand; have informed that no funds have been received from Government of India.*

Loss of heritage structures

2664. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country has lost many heritage structures in recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of these heritage structures; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to protect and restore such heritage structures?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH) :
(a) and (b) As per Performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), 92 monuments/sites were reported to be missing/untraceable. The detailed inspection of all these monuments/sites reported as missing by CAG have been carried out by the respective field offices of Archaeological Survey of India. After the field survey, the status of the 92 monuments/sites is as below:

Number of monuments/sites which physically exist:	42
Number of monuments/sites affected due to rapid urbanization:	14
Number of monuments/sites submerged under reservoir/dam:	12
Number of monuments/sites which are untraceable:	24

- (c) The Archaeological Survey of India is making its best efforts to maintain the authenticity of the monuments/sites which physically exist by way of proper conservation and preservation. Regarding the monuments/sites which are affected due to urbanization/commercialization/habitation; these are examined on case to case basis and appropriate measures are taken after examining the actual situation for their revival and protection.

Review committee for the zonal cultural centres

2665. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up a Coordination Committee to oversee the

implementation of the recommendations of the 2011 Report of the Review Committee for the Zonal Cultural Centres, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Coordination Committee has started functioning and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH) :

(a) The Government has set up a Coordination Committee on 9th September, 2013 as per the following composition:

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| 1. | Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar | Chairperson |
| 2. | Directors of six Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) | Members (<i>Ex-officio</i>) |
| 3. | Director of one ZCC, on rotational basis, for a period of one year | Member Secretary (<i>Ex-officio</i>) |

(b) The Coordination Committee has started functioning *w.e.f.* 29th November, 2013.

Renovation of national monuments and museums in Madhya Pradesh

2666. DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to renovate National Monuments and Museums across the country including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the monument-wise and museum-wise details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the projects along with the time by when the above monuments and museums are likely to be renovated?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH) :

(a) to (c) the conservation work of protected monuments in the country including Madhya Pradesh, is a continuous process and essential repair work of them is attended regularly as per archaeological norms and principles, within the available resources. Similarly repair, renovation, maintenance and up-gradation work of museums under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is also attended within the allocated resources. The protected monuments and museums under ASI are in a good state of preservation.

Similarly, the museums under the Ministry of Culture are in a good state. However, to further improve, expand and modernize them, Indian Museum, Kolkata has undertaken a modernization and up-gradation project at a cost of Rs. 99.76 crores. Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata's proposal for up-gradation and modernization with a total outlay of Rs. 59.96 crores has also been approved by the Ministry.