

Establishment of museum in Uttarakhand

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

(a) whether Government will consider upon establishing a museum in Uttarakhand with a view to protect and preserve the culture of various tribals of the State;

(b) if so, by when the museum is likely to be established in the State; and

(c) if not, the details of efforts taken so far to protect and preserve the culture of various tribals of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Culture considers applications for providing financial assistance for setting up new museums by State Governments, Registered Societies, Voluntary bodies and Trusts, etc. under its Museum Grant Scheme.

(c) Ministry of Culture promotes the preservation and protection of art and culture of the country, including tribal art and culture. This apart, to preserve, showcase and promote various facets relating to tribal culture, traditions and customs, grants are provided by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to States/UTs for organizing Tribal Festivals both at regional and national level.

Preservation and maintenance of historical monuments

195. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed any scheme and fixed any target with regard to the renovation, restoration and development of historical places, buildings, forts and other sites in the country; and

(b) if so, the State/UT and monument/fort-wise details of protected monuments and other historical monuments in each of the States of the country along with the funds allocated/expenditure incurred on preservation/maintenance of these monuments during each of the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Conservation work of the protected

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