

**Establishment of new art and music colleges**

1155. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only Madhya Pradesh has Art and Music University and colleges running across the State, supported and operated by the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how does the Central Government extend its support to the State Government;

(c) if not, the State-wise and city-wise details of such universities and colleges running across the country with either State or Central Government's support and affiliation and governing authority; and

(d) whether Government proposes to build new art and music colleges across the country to promote cultural activities and to protect its sanctity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Protection of Indus Valley settlement site in Baghpat, U.P.**

1156. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 5000 year old Indus Valley settlement site in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh has been razed to build houses, etc.;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, if not, whether Government intends to conduct an enquiry on this; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the Indus Valley sites and other similar archaeological sites of historical importance in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. There is no 5000 year old Indus Valley settlement site in Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh protected by Archaeological Survey of India that has been razed to build houses, etc.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for protection, conservation and maintenance of monuments, archaeological sites and remains including a few of