

(b) the steps being taken by the Ministry to popularize and promote Indian cultural traditions outside India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural programmes and activities throughout the country to protect, preserve and promote various forms of art and indigenous cultures.

(b) To popularize and promote Indian cultural traditions outside India, Ministry of Culture develops cultural relations between India and various countries of the world through Cultural Exchange Programmes. To promote Indian culture and artists, this Ministry also organizes Festivals of India abroad to spread Indian culture through dance performance, food, literary and film festivals, Yoga, Mehendi Art etc. Indian culture abroad is further popularized and promoted by releasing *grant-in-aid* by this Ministry to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies working abroad. Under International Cultural Relations Scheme, financial assistance is also provided by this Ministry to artists and cultural professionals going abroad for attending seminars and festivals on cultural subjects.

Museum(s) proposed in Tamil Nadu

30. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of museum(s) being set up/proposed to be set up in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Museums Grant Scheme;

(b) the details of amount that have been earmarked for setting up museum(s) in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the year-wise details of amount released to set up museum(s) in the State of Tamil Nadu, since the inception of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The details of Museum set up in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Museum Grant Scheme is given below:

(i) Dakshinachitra Heritage Museum, G-3, Madhuram Flats No. 6, Urur Olcott Road, Besant Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

(b) Specific amount is not earmarked State-wise for setting up museum(s) under Museum Grant Scheme.

(c) The details of amount released to Dakshinachitra Heritage Museum in the State of Tamil Nadu since the inception of this scheme is given below:

Financial Year	Amount Released
2010-11	₹ 5.00 lakhs
2011-12	₹ 57.58 lakhs
2013-14	₹ 31.29 lakhs
2013-14	₹ 31.28 lakhs
2014-15	₹ 41.72 lakhs
2016-17	₹ 20.86 lakhs

Sexual harassment in Asiatic Society

31. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any FIR has been lodged by Asiatic Society against the accused involved in the sexual harassment of a minority female employee in the institute; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) An FIR was lodged by a minority female employee (victim) on 18.11.2014. The then Council did not lodge further FIR against the accused as it received the copy of FIR filed by her. The then Council 8th constituted Internal Complaints Committee on May, 2015 with three members as per Vishakha Guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The new Council had further reconstituted the Internal Complaints Committee of the Asiatic Society as per Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act, 2013 (14 of 2013) on Sexual Harassment of Women at work place comprising 05 members on 24.06.2016 and the Committee had submitted its final report in a sealed envelope to the authority of the Society on 28.10.2016, which will be placed before the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 25.11.2016.

Survey undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India in Puri

32. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last survey undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) of the ancient buildings, religious sites in the holy city of Puri: