Comprehensive conservation and development plan for forts and Maharashtra

827. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had under his occupation more than 350 forts located not only in Maharashtra but in other adjoining States also;
- (b) if so, a State-wise list of these forts duly mentioning which ope of them are under the protection of Central Government or respective State Governments or otherwise;
- (c) whether the Central Government has prepared any comprehensive conservation and development plan for the forts under ASI's protection in Maharashtra from tourism point of view; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor and by when this exercise would be completed?

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

Setting up of Science Cities

828. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State/UT-wise details of the Science Cities set up in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to set up at least one Science City in each State/UT;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Haryana; and
- (d) the action taken by Government along with the time by when such cities are likely to be set up in all States/UTs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The following Science Cities have been set up by Ministry of Culture through National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Culture.

Sl. No.	Names of the Science Cities functioning under NCSM	State-wise location
1.	Science City, Kolkata	West Bengal
2.	Regional Science City, Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh

In addition, Pushpa Gujral Science City at Kapurthala, Punjab and Gujarat Science City at Ahmedabad, Gujarat have also been set up with the financial assistance from the Ministry of Culture.

(b) to (d) The Science Cities Scheme provides for setting up of Science Cities in all the states of the country subject to availability of funds for this purpose. States willing to avail of this Scheme have to provide land and share the cost of setting up of facility and corpus for upkeep and maintenance.

Proposals have been received from Governments of Haryana, Karnataka, Bihar, Odisha, Chhattisgarh. Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to set up Science Cities.

The tentative time of completion of the project as per the Science Cities Scheme is 54 months from the date of start of the project.