

Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture in its 201st Report, a High Powered Committee (HPC) was constituted by Ministry of Culture on 15.01.2014 to review the constitution as well as the working of the Akademis/Institutions under Ministry of Culture. The High Powered Committee submitted its report on 05.05.2014. The recommendations of the High Powered Committee were examined taking into account the comments/views of the concerned organisations. Government has already decided to implement most of the acceptable recommendations of the High Powered Committee on Akademies and other Institutions under Ministry of Culture subject to maintaining the autonomous character of the Akademis and other institutions as per their Memorandum of Association/Deed/Rules and Regulations etc. The Ministry of Culture is regularly following up the matter towards implementation of the recommendations with the concerned organisations. These recommendations will be implemented by way of amendment of Memorandum of Association/Constitution of the concerned organisation, and accordingly, the process of amendment of Memorandum of Association of the concerned organisations has also been initiated.

#### **Ban on polythene at archaeological sites**

3072. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced or proposes to introduce a polythene-ban at its sites of historical and archaeological importance;

(b) if so, the details of implementation of the same and the measures used to ensure adherence to the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Culture has recommended prohibition on use of polythene. Archaeological Survey of India has declared all ASI protected Monuments and Archaeological Sites as 'Polythene Free Zone'. All the field offices of ASI have been directed for necessary compliance. In this regard Secretary (Culture) has also issued a D.O. letter to all the Chief Secretaries of States for their active cooperation for making Centrally protected monuments as polythene free zone.

#### **Subsidy for vehicles under Fame India Scheme**

†3073. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.