

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) After presentation of Union Budget 2020-21 in the Parliament, Detailed Demand for Grants is being prepared. Final allocations of funds will be known after Detailed Demand for Grants is approved by the Parliament.

Plans to rename Victoria Memorial

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to change the name of the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to change the name of Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata.

(b) Not applicable.

Reforms to strengthen ASI

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

(a) whether any proposal for restructuring Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) was under consideration by Government in 2014;

(b) whether the proposal is still pending;

(c) whether it is not a fact that overall efficiency of ASI has gone down drastically because of inadequate manpower and lack of cadre management; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen and restructure ASI considering high value attached to culture and tradition of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Central Government has taken the requisite measures to fulfill the mandate on Archaeological Survey of India, such as, by hiring of manpower on contract basis wherever required.

Establishment of Indian Institute of Culture

993. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to set up an Indian Institute of Culture to promote native cultural traditions, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any public consultation has also been done in this regard; and

(c) the time within which the proposed institution is expected to come into being?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (c) In pursuance of an announcement in the Union Budget 2020. Ministry of Culture is planning to establish an Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation to impart higher education/research/training in the field of cultural heritage of country. Establishment of Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation is at conceptual stage.

Measures to fill vacancies in various organisations

994. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is facing a shortage of manpower against the sanctioned strength and if so, the number of posts lying vacant;

(b) the number of vacant posts in various organizations under the Ministry, organization-wise; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Ministry to address the issue of substantial number of vacancies, if so, the details thereof?