

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1299**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021**  
**SHIFTING OF ARTEFACTS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM**

**1299 SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present building of the National Museum is sought to be demolished and if so, by when;
- (b) whether its entire collection has been photographed, carefully documented or digitally recorded so as to prevent damage, loss or switching of genuine artefacts during, before or after their movement; and
- (c) whether the proposed sites to which these items may be shifted are certified to be suitable for a museum by concerned agencies, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH**  
**EASTERN REGION**  
**(G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) to (c): No decision regarding demolition of National Museum has been taken. Digitization of the objects is a continuous process and out of 2,06,169 number of objects of the National Museum, 80,997 are photo documented, digitally recorded.