GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2106 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16 DECEMBER 2021

COMMEMORATION OF INDIA'S UNSUNG FREEDOM FIGHTERS

2106-Shri Sanjay Singh:

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme or program or plans for the commemoration of India's many unsung freedom heroes;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to make such unsung stories a part of school curriculum;
- (d) whether Government plans to build museums, organize fairs/exhibitions displaying stories of freedom fighters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) Government of India has been commemorating the 50th/ 75th/100th /125th /150th etc anniversaries of famous personalities and events of historical importance under the scheme of "Centenaries and Anniversaries" which include unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle. Further, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav special focus has been given to commemorate unsung heroes of freedom struggle.
- (c) The National Council of Educational Research and Training has given due space to freedom fighters who have participated in the freedom struggle of India in its textbooks of History from the middle to secondary stages. Also, the contributions of eminent personalities in different fields have been highlighted in different books of Social Sciences wherever they have made contributions. Some of the supplementary materials developed have also given space to our armed forces who have made the country proud by contributing to the different wars in post-independent India. This has been reflected in the publication title, "Veergatha: Stories of Param Vir Chakra" published in 2016.
- (d) & (e) Government of India considers projects for creation of infrastructure and cultural activities related to famous personalities including freedom fighters under the scheme of "Centenaries and Anniversaries"