

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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SETTING UP OF MUSEUMS

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Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) number of artifacts, available with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which are not being displayed in the museums of the country;
- (b) the details of new on-site or off-site museums that are proposed to be setup in the various circles of the ASI; and;
- (c) the details of initiatives taken/proposed to be taken, if any, by Government to popularize the lesser known protected monuments of the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) preserves a large number of artefacts collected from archaeological excavations and explorations, all over the country. Some of the selected artifacts are displayed in 52 museums set up on or near the sites.

ASI regularly develops and refurbishes existing museums as per requirements besides exploring the prospects to develop new museums on or near important sites.

- (c) ASI carries out conservation, preservation and maintenance of the monuments/sites as and when required. Tourist amenities like drinking water, toilet facilities, benches etc. are provided for the visitors. ASI also organizes events and brings out publications for creating awareness about lesser known monuments of the country.
