

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2095
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

ICONIC BUILDINGS IN KOLKATA

2095. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total expenditure incurred to repair, renovate and decorate the Ministry's iconic buildings in Kolkata like the Imperial (now National) Library, Metcalfe House and Old Currency Building;
- (b) plan of Ministry to do with these spaces now available, on a long term basis;
- (c) by whom the current ad hoc utilisation plans were decided that are lowering the Ministry's esteem and the stakeholders, relevant experts or organisations that were consulted; and
- (d) whether the Ministry would like to utilise ample display spaces now available with the old National Library into exhibition galleries as Kolkata is short of such facilities?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of total expenditure incurred to repair, renovate and decorate iconic buildings like the Imperial (now National) Library, Metcalfe House and Currency Building at Kolkata till date is given as under:

(Amount in Rupees)

S. No.	Name of Monument	Expenditure till date
1.	National Library	4,12,49,982.00
2.	Metcalfe House	3,19,36,710.00
3.	Currency Building	4,03,43,985.00

- (b) Yes, Sir. The space available in Belvedere House has been utilized for setting up of the "Museum of Word".
- (c) No, Sir. No such plan has been decided that lowers the Ministry's esteem.
- (d) Yes, Sir. The project "Museum of Word" facilitates "exhibiting the multilingual oral and written diversity of the Indian Languages".
