

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 490

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

SHIFTING OF ARTIFACTS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM

490. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR :

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

- (a) whether the proposal to raze down the National Museum building and shift its collection to North and South Blocks is still under consideration or shelved;
- (b) whether Government has consulted subject-matter specialists, stake-holders and museologists in this regard;
- (c) whether any consultations were held with experts before floating an Expression of Intent on 14th October, 2021 for a central storage facility of museum collections;
- (d) whether Government is aware that centralised storages designed for European countries may not suit the requirements of the tropics; and
- (e) whether Government is conscious of dangers like pilfering and substitution while moving priceless antiquities around ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No decision in this regard has been taken.
- (b) and (c). Yes, consultation is a continuous process.
- (d) & (e) Yes Sir. Packing, transportation, storage & display from one site to another site are always done by following foolproof mechanism as per standard protocols.