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To,

The Under Secretary to the Gov, M.II

Ministry of Culture,

Shastri Bhavan

New Delhi – 110 001

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Sub: RAJYA SABHA Starred/Unstarred Diary No. S-295 dated 02.02.2023 regarding Public Programmes and Events in Government Museums

Ref: Your e-mail dated 25.01.2023

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to RAJYA SABHA Starred/Unstarred Diary No. S-295 dated 02.02.2023 regarding Public Programmes and Events in Government Museums: -

| Sl. no. | Question | Material of NCSM for framing of reply |
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| (a) | What are rules governing the grant of permission by Central Government Museums to private or non-government parties for holding non-Ministry event or programmes within the buildings or compounds of Central Museums; | Various facilities of science museums/centres under NCSM viz., auditorium, seminar halls, open exhibition ground are permitted for use by private or non-government parties for holding of scientific conventions, educational meetings and workshops, annual functions of schools, corporate bodies, seminars, cultural events, training programmes for students, housewives, youth, underprivileged children of local schools, institutions, local communities organized by like-minded NGOs, organizations, corporate bodies etc and various functions of State & Central Governments in collaboration and sponsorship and in conformity with the objectives of the Society as set-forth in the Memorandum of Association (MoA) of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and guidelines for such usages with |

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| | | <p>the approval of the competent authority.</p> <p>Such facilities are however not available for social (private use) programmes such as marriage, reception or for political meetings.</p> |
| (b) | Can private parties or for-profit or corporate entities hold events within the area of these museums in the name of collaboration or sponsorship by the museums; and | Answered at 'a' above. |
| (c) | Do the museums earn any revenue and are these pegged at market costs? | Yes. The user charges of the facilities are reckoned with the approval of the competent authority from time to time based on the market survey, cost of utilization of such facilities in order to defray the expenditure incurred by the science museum/centre towards maintenance for use of such facilities. |

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Saibal Bose)
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