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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: Lok Sabha Question Diary no. 8596 regarding 'Steps to Modernise and Upgrade Museums and Art Galleries' to be answered on 07.08.2023 -reg.

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Ref: Your e-mail dated 27.07.2023

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to Lok Sabha Question Diary no. 8596 regarding 'Steps to Modernise and Upgrade Museums and Art Galleries' to be answered on 07.08.2023: -

Sl. No.	Question	Reply of NCSM
(a)	whether the Government has taken any steps to modernize and upgrade museums and art galleries to enhance visitor experiences and to make them more attractive and interactive;	Not known to NCSM. However, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), being the apex body of science museums/centres with 26 units in different parts of the country. The galleries of science museums and science centres under NCSM house exhibits which are basically hands on, participatory and interactive in nature and are developed in-house. NCSM has its own plan to periodically upgrade and modernize the galleries/facilities of the science museums/ science centres under its control in keeping pace with the international standards to make them more attractive and interactive.
(b)	if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;	As replied at (a) above.

(c)	whether the Government has any plans to establish new museums dedicated to specific aspects of Indian culture, particularly in West Bengal; and	Not Known to NCSM.
(d)	if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?	Not Applicable.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Ankush Gaurav)

SO, NCSM (Hqrs.)