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Sri S.C. Mondal Under Secretary to the Gol, M.II Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhavan <u>New Delhi – 110 001</u>

Sub: RAJYA SABHA Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- U2027 regarding Establishment of new age museums at various locations in the country

Ref: Your e-mail dated 07.12.2022

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to RAJYA SABHA Starred /Unstarred Diary No.-- U2O27 regarding Establishment of new age museums at various locations in the country: -

SI.	Question	Material of NCSM for framing of reply
no.		
(a)	whether the people of present generation are showing more interest in visiting modern museums such as digital, technological museums etc.	Not known to NCSM.
(b)	if so, whether the Ministry is considering establishing new age museums at various locations in the country	NCSM, an autonomous society under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, established two Hi-tech museums viz. Virtual Experiential Museums (VEM) at Man Mahal, Varanasi which was inaugurated on 19 th February, 2019 and at National Museum, New Delhi in collaboration with IIT, Bombay which was handed over on 20 th February, 2020. Various cutting edge digital technologies including projection mapping, 3D projection, interactive walls, holographic display & projection, multi touch table, scrim projection, RFID interactive technologies, Augmented Reality & Virtual Reality based immersive experience etc. have been used in these two VEMs.
	if so, the details of the places selected and the details of themes; and	The theme of the VEM at Man Mahal, Varanasi is the 'Story of Varanasi' and the theme of another VEM at National Museum, New Delhi is 'Ajanta Cave Paintings'.
(d)	if not, the reasons therefor?	Not Applicable

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-(Saibal Bose)