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To,
The Under Secretary to the Govt, M.II
Ministry of Culture,
Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi – 110 001

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Sub: Starred /Unstarred Diary No. U445 for 24.03.2023 regarding 'Natural History Park and Museum in Visakhapatnam'.

Ref: Your e-mail dated 23.01.2023

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to RAJYA SABHA Starred/Unstarred Diary No. U445 for 24.03.2022 regarding 'Natural History Park and Museum in Visakhapatnam: -

Sl. no.	Question	Material of NCSM for framing of reply
a.	Is there a proposal by National Council of Science and Museums (NCSM) to establish a Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) and Research institute in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	No. There is no proposal by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) to establish a Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) and Research Institute in Vasakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. However, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority (VMRDA) has requested National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on the project to set up a Natural History Park, Museum and Research Institute (APNHPM & RI) at Visakhapatnam. The DPR is under preparation by NCSM which will be submitted to VMRDA once final draft is approved.
b.	Details of the proposed museum and research institute	Replied at Sl. No. (a) above.
c.	Other cities where such Museums exist in the country	Not known to NCSM.
d.	Location, area extent and status of land allotment	A site of about 15 acre has been earmarked for the proposed Andhra Pradesh Natural History Park, Museum & Research Institute, Vizag (APNHPMRI) at Education City, Timmapuram, Near Bhimili, in

		Vizag. However, status of land allotment is not known.
e.	Status of the proposal and timeframe for implementation of the proposal	Replied at Sl. No. (a) above.
6	Estimated budget and sources of funding; and	Replied at Sl. No. (a) above.
7	Is it a fact that the Ministry of Earth Sciences has sanctioned Rs.38 crore for the construction of the Museum and details thereof?	Not known to NCSM.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Saibal Bose)
CoA(MC), NCSM