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30.07.2021

To,

Sri S.C. Mondal  
Under Secretary, M.II  
Ministry of Culture,  
Shastri Bhavan  
New Delhi – 110 001

- Sub: Lok Sabha Starred question no. 7906 for 09.08.2021 regarding setting up of Cultural Museum in North Bengal

- Ref: Your e-mail dated 29.07.2021

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to question diary no. 7906 for 09.08.2021 regarding setting up of Cultural Museum in North Bengal: -

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Material of NCSM for framing of appropriate reply</b>
(a)	Whether the Government taking into cognizance the rich cultural diversity of the North Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduars, Cooch Behar and adjoining areas;	Not Known to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).
(b)	Whether the Government proposes to set up a cultural museum in the region to promote and preserve the local indigenous culture and traditions; and	Not Known to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM).
(c)	The details of assistance provided to Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts under various schemes of the Ministry?	<p>National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is the implementing agency for setting up of Science Cities/Centres/Museums in various places in India under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) approved by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.</p> <p>Various Science Centres/Museums set up by NCSM in the following places is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Darjeeling:</b> North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri situated in Darjeeling district, was set up by NCSM (date of Inauguration: August 17, 1997) and is operated and managed by NCSM. An Innovation Hub was set up by NCSM under SPoCS scheme at NBSC, Siliguri in 2018.</li><li><b>Kalimpong:</b> A Sub-Regional Science Centre in the Kalimpong town</li></ol>

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		<p>(which is close to both Darjeeling and Siliguri and was earlier a part of Darjeeling district, but now a separate district itself) was set up by NCSM under Science Cities scheme approved by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The Centre was handed over to Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (under Govt. of West Bengal). The Kalimpong Science Centre was inaugurated on October 2, 2008.</p> <p>An Innovation Hub was set up by NCSM under SPoCS scheme at SRSC, Kalimpong in 2017.</p>

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
 -Sd/-  
 (Saibal Bose)  
Dy. Controller of Administration