

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of facts on construction of phase three of building of National Museum, New Delhi;
- (b) the estimated cost of dismantling of existing building and the budget sanctioned for the purpose;
- (c) the agency engaged or to be engaged to build the museum and the estimate for the construction of the Museum; and
- (d) the time by which the construction of museum is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) Construction of phase three of the building of National Museum at the site of existing building of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) was approved during the period of Seventh Five Year Plan at an estimated cost of Rs.9.48 crore. The architectural design for phase three building was prepared by the CPWD in 1988 and the same was approved by the Delhi Urban Art Commission in August 1998. Accordingly, the CPWD prepared an estimate amounting to Rs. 24.97 Crores in 1999. This was further revised to Rs. 33.23 crore, in 2003 when it was decided to modify the original design. However, the project could not take off as ASI is yet to vacate the premises.
- (b) Estimated cost of shifting of utilities and dismantling of building, presently occupied by the ASI was estimated as Rs. 56.00 Lakhs for which Budget was sanctioned, but could not be utilized.
- (c) The CPWD had been engaged to execute the Project for construction phase three of National Museum building.
- (d) Since the ASI has not vacated the premises yet, its dismantling and construction of phase three of the National Museum could not be initiated till date and as such time frame can not be indicated for completion of phase three building.