

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCIENCE MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata is vested with the authority to set up science museums in the country for development of science education among the school children in the country
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up more such science museums in the different parts of the country: and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, is engaged in establishment of Science Museums and Science Centres throughout the country and also to undertake programmes for popularization of science and technology in cities, urban and rural areas for the benefit of students and for the common man by organizing exhibitions, seminars, popular lectures, science camps and various other educational programmes.

(c) to (d): The setting up of Science Museums in the form of Science Cities and Science Centres is a continuous process. Proposal relating to setting up of a Science City/Centre project is considered and approved on the basis of the projects submitted by State Govt. from time to time, along with their firm commitments. A list of the projects which has been set up and are being developed is attached as Annexure.