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SCIENCE CENTRES AND PLANETARIUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Science Centres and Planetariums presently set up in the country along with the functions of these science centres and planetariums;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Science Centres and Planetariums in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Goa; and
- (d) the time by which such Centres and Planetariums are likely to be set up including in Goa?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture is engaged in establishment of Science Centres and Planetariums throughout the country. A state-wise list of Science Centres and Planetariums in the country alongwith target date for completion, wherever fixed, is at Annexure-I. The functions of these Science Centres and Planetariums are 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. A sub-regional level science centre has been established in Panjim, Goa. The Centre was inaugurated in 2001. There is no new proposal from Goa for setting up of science centre(s).However, a 8 Mts dia Digital Planetarium is currently under development in the premises of Goa Science Centre in Panjim.