

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INDUS HERITAGE CENTRE AT VADODARA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Global Heritage Fund had directed for setting up of Smithsonian class museum, Indus Heritage Centre at Vadodara;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal for shifting the location of the above centre from Vadodara to Deccan College Campus in Pune; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) The Global Heritage Fund, founded in California in 2002, intended to set up an Indus Heritage Centre at Vadodara (Gujarat) in collaboration with the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. In this respect, an MOU was signed with the M.S. University in 2008.

For construction of the Centre, a piece of land was requested from the Government of Gujarat, but it did not materialize, and the project did not start.

(c) & (d) The Global Heritage Fund now intends to establish the Indus Heritage Centre at Pune in collaboration with the Deccan College Post Graduate & Research Institute, Pune, a Deemed University.