

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3195
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DISPLAY AT NATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of objects/items on display at the National Museum in New Delhi out of the total collection;
- (b) whether the National Museum Authorities have approached the Ministry regarding expansion plan for the National Museum;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Museum is incurring any loss due to the lack of space for maximum display of its collections; and
- (e) if so, the estimated loss of revenue incurred, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) National Museum displays about 7% of its total collection.

Objects in storage are displayed in rotation by arranging temporary exhibitions viz. "Object of the Month", Gallery of the Month" programmes, etc

- (b) & (c) Yes, sir. There is a proposal for expansion of the National Museum. The proposal entails construction on the land presently housing Archaeological Survey of India headquarters. Once the premises are vacated by the Archaeological Survey of India, further action will be taken for the expansion of the National Museum.

- (d) No, Sir

- (e) Question does not arise in view of the above