

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED EMPORIUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Government run emporiums at tourist places to promote the geographical indication goods apart from the State Government run emporiums in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the number of such emporiums at present across the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India and Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited, a Corporation under the Ministry of Textile, Government of India have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to open sales outlets in the premises of centrally protected monuments. Presently, five protected monuments have been identified for the purpose namely (1) Red Fort, Delhi; (2) Taj Mahal, Agra (U.P.); (3) Qutab Minar, Delhi; (4) Samath Museum, Varanasi, (U.P.) and (5) Humayun's Tomb, Delhi.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present, there is no such emporium within the premises of centrally protected monuments across the country.