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1140. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Egyptian Mummy preserved at Telangana State Museum in Hyderabad is slowly decaying due to lack of maintenance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for preservation of the said mummy; and
- (d) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) does not arise.
- (c) Government of Telangana had taken advice from Dr. Trek el Awady an Egyptian Expert and has initiated action on the suggestions made by the Expert. The mummy has now been under controlled temperature, the wooden showcase has been made air tight till the new oxygen free showcase is installed, photography with flash lights has been banned. The lighting in the mummy room is regulated.
- (d) Government of Telangana has allocated Rs. 10.00 lakhs in the current financial year to improve the preservation of the mummy. This apart, the State Government has already spent Rs. 4.25 lakhs to improve the preservation of the mummy.