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V.M.No. 1307/IA-10/2010 (Part II)

11th July 2017

Section Officer (M.I)
Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 52 for 17.07.2017 regarding Protection of Artefacts.


Sir,

With reference to the Ministry's email on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether several invaluable ancient artefacts have been kept in the open in various museums of the country;	Not true as far as VMH is concerned.
(b)	If so, the details thereof museum-wise and the reasons therefor ;	The question does not arise.
(c)	The details of the cases of theft noticed in these museums during the last three years, year-wise and museum-wise;	Such cases have not been taken place in VMH.
(d)	Whether the Government proposes to review the security norms in various museums; and	Yes.
(e)	If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect the antique artefacts?	Physical Security arrangement: VMH has its own security staff, Private Security personnel and Kolkata Police personnel with arms. The MoC has sanctioned 113 CISF personnel for security arrangement of VMH. For this MoC has sanctioned additional fund of Rs.10 crores to VMH. Electronic security arrangement: The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has taken proactive steps to beef up CCTV Surveillance and gadget based electronic security in VMH. One baggage scanner & eight (8) Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD) are in operation at the entry point of VMH. 40 CCTV Cameras have already been installed and are in working condition. More than 200 additional cameras are due to be installed very soon. The Ministry of Culture has provided adequate fund for this purpose.

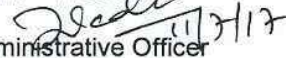
With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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V.M.No. 1320 /IA-10/2010 (Part II)

13 July 2017

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New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. S 1099 for 19.07.2017 regarding "upkeep / maintenance of museums".


Sir,

With reference to your email on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether it is a fact that our Museums upkeep / maintenance leave a lot to be desired;	This is not true in case of VMH.
(b)	If so, the reasons therefor;	The question does not arise.
(c)	Whether the problems of seepage and water logging in National Museum Kolkata have been taken care of; and	This is not applicable to VMH.
(d)	If not, the reason therefor?	Not applicable.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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V.M.No. /323 /IA-10/2010 (Part II)

14 July 2017

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*Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. S 1098 for 19.07.2017 regarding Museums in India
under jurisdiction of department/ authority.*

Sir,

With reference to your email on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect
of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether museums in India are under jurisdiction of several Departments, authority under Centre and States;	Not known to VMH. VMH is an autonomous organisation under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.
(b)	If so, the implications thereof;	This question does not arise.
(c)	How about, creating an overarching body for management, funding etc. of our Museums; and	This is not within the domain of VMH.
(d)	What is being done about the same?	This question does not arise.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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V.M.No. 1349 /IA-10/2010 (Part II)

21 July 2017

The Section Officer
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*Sub: Lokh Sabha Starred Diary No. 10661 for 31.07.2017 regarding Funds for modernisation of
Museums*

Sir,

With reference to your email on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect
of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer						
(a)	Whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve museum administration in the nation, and if so, the details thereof;	Yes. In order to improve museum administration, MoC has introduced MOU containing target for a year. The achievement report with reference to the target is sent to the Ministry quarterly. Monthly Reports on various administrative matters are also sent to MoC.						
(b)	Whether the Government has initiated any centrally Sponsored Scheme for the modernization of Museums and Art Galleries in the country and if so, the details thereof;	Yes, MoC has given all museums including VMH, Kolkata a mandate for modernization and up-gradation and adequate funding is given under plan to implement these. MoC has allocated a funding package of 59.96 crore to VMH, Kolkata for its modernization and renovation programme. Expenditure of three years are given below:- <table><tr><td>2013-14</td><td>Rs. 197 Lakhs</td></tr><tr><td>2014-15</td><td>Rs. 2300 Lakhs</td></tr><tr><td>2015-16</td><td>Rs. 1000 lakhs</td></tr></table>	2013-14	Rs. 197 Lakhs	2014-15	Rs. 2300 Lakhs	2015-16	Rs. 1000 lakhs
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(c)	Whether the Government provides assistance to the State Governments for construction, maintenance and revamping of museums under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and if so, the details thereof along with the location made and expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of such museums during the last five years and the current year, State/UT-wise;	Not known to VMH.						
(d)	Whether the Government has considered providing specialized training and overseas trips for museum curators to improve the standards of Indian museums and if so, the details thereof; and	Yes. As per orders of MoC, Curator, VMH attended workshops and seminars in Bangladesh, Paris (France), American Alliance of Museum, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Besides, MoC has initiated partnership with eminent museums abroad to train Indian Museum Personnel in international						

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		practices the Vivekananda Memorial Programme in Museum Excellence with the Art Institute of Chicago, the Leadership Training Programme with the British Museum, the Mellon conservation Fellowship Programme with the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, USA, SRAL, the Netherlands.
(e)	Whether the Government is planning to create online repositories of museum collections and if so, the details thereof along with the time by when it is likely to be started?	Yes. As a part of Digital India Programme VMH has taken up collection by online sale of Entry Tickets. This procedure will be available in operation very soon.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Nitish Kumar Das
21/7/12

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V.M.No. 1353/IA-10/2010 (Part II)

25 July 2017

The Section Officer
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New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred/ Unstarred Diary No. S2630 for 02.08.2017 regarding Task force to upgrade various museums in the country.

Sir,

With reference to your email on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether Government has formulated any task-force or expert team to upgrade various museums across the country;	Yes, MoC has formulated 14 issues listed for Museum Reforms for upgradation of various museums across India. Meetings in this regard are arranged by MoC and action taken report are sent to MoC for monitoring the issues.
(b)	Whether it is a fact that many museum, which were established several years ago, have lost their glaze and various antique items those are kept there for display, have been damaged due to lack of maintenance;	This is not applicable to VMH, which is the most - visited museum in India.
(c)	If so, the details thereof; and	This question does not arise.
(d)	The action taken by Government in this regard?	Not known to VMH.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Administrative Officer

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V M No. 1469 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

17 August 2017

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisional Unstarred Question No. 28 was due for answer on 18.07.2016 regarding "Mismanagement of Funds in Cultural Institutions".

Sir,

Please refer to Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture (P&B Division) letter F. No. H.11016/3/2016-P&B dated 09.08.2017 on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the replies to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 28 was due for answer on 18.07.2016 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether the Government has noticed some serious irregularities and mismanagement of funds in cultural institutions in the country;	This fact is not known to VMH.
(b)	If so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;	Nil.
(c)	Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the irregularities and if so, the details of the outcome;	This is not applicable to VMH.
(d)	Whether the Government has initiated any proceedings against those found guilty and if so, the details thereof;	This is not known to VMH.
(e)	The steps taken by the Government to enhance the reputation of the premier cultural institutions?	In order to enhance the reputation, VMH organizes the following activities: 1) Organize Educational activities - Debates, quiz, Lectures, Seminars on regular basis. 2) Workshops, illustrated talks, panel discussions and various exhibitions. 3) Display, special exhibition & cultural programs- both on site and in different parts of India and abroad. 4) Celebration of important National and International Day with various programmes.

With regards,

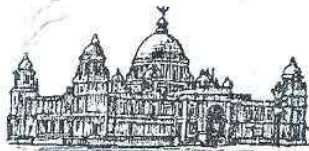
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V M No. 2339 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

11 December 2017

Section Officer
Museum – I Section
Ministry of Culture
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New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 670 due for answer on 18.12.2017 regarding utilization of Funds for upkeep of Museums.

Sir,
Please refer to your E-mail dated 08.12.17 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply										
(a)	The details of the funds utilised for upkeep of museums during the last five years State/UT wise and year wise?	Year wise details of funds UT wise for upkeep of museum during last five years are as under:- (Rs. in lakh) <table><tr><th>2012-13</th><th>2013-14</th><th>2014-15</th><th>2015-16</th><th>2016-17</th></tr><tr><td>241.96</td><td>329.45</td><td>454.86</td><td>320.61</td><td>496.51</td></tr></table>	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	241.96	329.45	454.86	320.61	496.51
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241.96	329.45	454.86	320.61	496.51								
(b)	Whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve museum administration in the nation, and if so, the details thereof?	Yes, in order to improve museum administration, Ministry of Culture has introduced MoU, containing target for a year. The achievement report with reference to the target is sent to MoC quarterly, Monthly reports on various administrative matters are also sent to Ministry of Culture.										
(c)	Whether the Government has considered providing specialised training and overseas trips for museum curators to improve the standards of Indian museums and if so, the details thereof;	Yes. As per orders of MoC, Curator, VMH attended workshops and seminars in Bangladesh, Paris (France), American Alliance of Museum, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Besides, MoC has initiated partnership with eminent museums abroad to train Indian Museum Personnel in international practices the Vivekananda Memorial Programme in Museum Excellence with the Art Institute of Chicago, the Leadership Training Programme with the British Museum, the Mellon conservation Fellowship Programme with the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, USA, SRAL, the Netherlands.										
(d)	Whether the Government is planning to create online repositories of museum collections, and if so, the details and the time by which it is likely to be done?	Yes. As a part of Digital India Programme VMH has taken up digitization VMH collecting with the help of Jadavpur University. The work will take one year more for completion.										

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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V M No. 2341 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

12 December 2017

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 657 due for answer on 18.12.2017 regarding Guidelines to Access Genuineness of Artefacts.

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 11.12.17 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether there is any method or guideline to assess genuineness of precious artefacts stored in museums across the country;	In VMH, the committee for assessing the genuineness of the artefacts is formed following the provisions contained in Rule 2A of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Rule 1973.
(b)	If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;	Ministry of Culture has decided to form a National Screening Committee with representatives from all museums to identify the genuineness of the art objects that are prone to faking. Now, tagging of artefacts in RFID project is going on.
(c)	The steps taken by Government in last three years to have uniform guidelines to preserve and secure the artefacts in museums; and	In addition to the actionable points in 14 points issues listed in Museum Reforms, Ministry of Culture has adopted a comprehensive and uniform security policy for Museums. Recommendations of the comprehensive security policy are being implemented in phases in VMH through MoU 2016-17 and onward.
(d)	The further steps taken by Government to check siphoning of valuable artefacts from central museums to the international markets?	This is not known to VMH.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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V M No. 2344 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

12 December 2017

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Sub: Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha starred Question Dy. No. 1088 due for 18.12.2017 regarding "Programme on Nirwan Diwas of Saint Kabir" – reg.


Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 11.12.17 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to Lok Sabha Starred question Dy. No. 1088 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether there is any plan to organize a grand programme on the occasion of 500 th Nirwan Diwas of great saint kabir in January next year and if so, the details thereof;	VMH has no plan to organise such programme in January next year.
(b)	Whether the Government is publishing/ proposes publicise the ideology of Indian Sufi culture as it has been a main stream of Indian culture; and	This is not known to VMH. But a programme on Baul and Sufi Music had been organised in VMH in the year 2013, November 25 with the help of Folk Foundation.
(c)	If so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?	VMH and <i>banglanatak dot com</i> jointly organized a musical evening with the Swiss Bengal Musical Ensemble , featuring the <i>Duo Fatale</i> from Switzerland and 15 other folk, sufi / urban folk musicians, including an acrobat, from Bengal on 25 November, 2016.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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21 December 2017

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Sub: Lok Sabha Question Starred Diary No. 9546 due for answer on 01.01.2018 regarding "Study by National Disaster Management Authority".

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 20.12.2017 on the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the replies to Lok Sabha Question Starred Diary No. 9546 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether the Government is aware of the recent study undertaken by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) wherein it has pointed out that all major museums across the country are vulnerable to vandalism, natural and man-made disasters;	Yes.
(b)	If so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto along with the number of such disasters occurred during the last three years, museum/ year-wise;	National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has framed guidelines on disaster preparedness for museums situated in India. There is no case of disasters occurred during the last three years in Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata.
(c)	Whether the Government has drawn detailed guidelines to protect all the museums across the country from disasters;	Yes.
(d)	If so, the details thereof; and	As per guidelines, MoC has arranged half yearly meetings in this regard are arranged by the Ministry of Culture. All museums are being directed to take action on the decision of the meeting. MoC is monitoring the progress from action taken report.
(e)	The time by which the guidelines are likely to be implemented?	The guidelines are being implemented in phases. A joint workshop on disaster management in museums was conducted in February-March, 2016 in association with NDMA, NIDM, CISF and West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services in VMH. The signage's for emergency exist from Building in case of disasters both fire and natural etc have been installed in VMH.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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22 December 2017

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Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 10577 for 01.01.2018 regarding Conservation of Ancient Artefacts.


Sir,

With reference to the Ministry's email on 22.12.2017 the subject stated above, I am sending herewith the responses in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Answer
(a)	Whether many valuable ancient artefacts are reportedly lying in open in many museums in the country;	Not true as far as VMH is concerned.
(b)	If so, the details thereof museum-wise along with the reasons thereof;	The question does not arise.
(c)	The details of theft incidents took place / reported in these museums during the last three years, year-wise and museum-wise;	Such cases have not been taken place in VMH.
(d)	Whether the Government proposes to review security related norms in various museums;	Yes.
(e)	If so, the details thereof; and	Physical Security arrangement: VMH has its own security staff, Private Security personnel and Kolkata Police personnel with arms. The MoC has sanctioned 113 CISF personnel for security arrangement of VMH. For this MoC has sanctioned additional fund of Rs.10 crores to VMH. Electronic security arrangement: The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has taken proactive steps to beef up CCTV Surveillance and gadget based electronic security in VMH. One baggage scanner & eight (8) Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD) are in operation at the entry point of VMH. 40 CCTV Cameras have already been installed and are in working condition. More than 200 additional cameras are due to be installed very soon. The Ministry of Culture has provided adequate fund for this purpose.
(f)	The steps taken/ being taken by the Government for conservation of these ancient artefacts	Ministry of Culture has introduced one issue on Conservation and Restoration in 14 issues listed for Museum Reforms. MoC's directions are being issued in this regard to the Museums for proper conservation of the ancient artefacts

With regards,

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V M No. 2432 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

26 December 2017

Shri Ashish Kumar
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Shastri Bhavan
New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 9545 for 01.01.2018 regarding shortage staff in ASI.

Sir,

Please refer to MoC's OM No. F.8-24/2017-CDN dated 22.12.17 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 9545 for 01.01.2018 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply																		
(a)	Whether the Ministry of Culture and other departments and bodies under its control are facing a shortfall of manpower against their respective sanctioned strengths and if so, the details thereof;	Yes, in Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, 82 out of 175 sanctioned strength are vacant at this moment. Vacancy position as on 01.12.2017 is as under: <table> <tr> <th>Post</th><th>Sanctioned strength</th><th>Vacant post</th></tr> <tr> <td>Group A</td><td>7</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group B</td><td>3</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group C</td><td>43</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr> <td>Group C (MTS)</td><td>122</td><td>52</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>175</td><td>82</td></tr> </table>	Post	Sanctioned strength	Vacant post	Group A	7	5	Group B	3	1	Group C	43	24	Group C (MTS)	122	52	Total	175	82
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(b)	Whether the resolve of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to maintain and protect the heritage sites and buildings of national importance has been adversely impacted for want of adequate manpower and the ASI is forced to outsource the technical works with inexperienced private contractors and is so, the details thereof;	Not related to VMH.																		
(c)	The short term and long term measures taken by the Government to increase the manpower and fill the existing vacancies expeditiously and the achievement therefrom; and	The Recruitment Rules have been revised and approved by the Board of Trustees(B.O.T.) and sent to the MOC for approval. MoC has sent some comments. Replies are being sent.																		
(d)	The number and other details of the contractual staff engaged by the Ministry and its Autonomous Bodies during the last three years and the current year and the financial outgo due to of the same, year-wise?	<table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>Amount paid</th><th>Name of the post of contractual staff</th></tr> <tr> <td>2014-15</td><td>Rs. 33.56 lakhs</td><td>Consultant 09, Security Guard 05</td></tr> <tr> <td>2015-16</td><td>Rs. 37.35 lakhs</td><td>Consultant 09, Security Guard 05</td></tr> <tr> <td>2016-17</td><td>Rs. 36.91 lakhs</td><td>Consultant 08, Security Guard 05</td></tr> </table>	Year	Amount paid	Name of the post of contractual staff	2014-15	Rs. 33.56 lakhs	Consultant 09, Security Guard 05	2015-16	Rs. 37.35 lakhs	Consultant 09, Security Guard 05	2016-17	Rs. 36.91 lakhs	Consultant 08, Security Guard 05						
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V M No. 199 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

24 January 2018

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New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 839 due for answer on 05.02.2018 regarding Funds Utilised for Upkeep of Museums.

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 24.01.2018 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

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S. No	Question	Reply										
(a)	The details of the funds utilised for upkeep of museums over the last five years State/UT wise and year wise?	Year wise details of funds for upkeep of museum over last five years are as under:- <div>(Rs. in lakh)</div> <table> <tr> <th>2012-13</th> <th>2013-14</th> <th>2014-15</th> <th>2015-16</th> <th>2016-17</th> </tr> <tr> <td>241.96</td> <td>329.45</td> <td>454.86</td> <td>320.61</td> <td>496.51</td> </tr> </table>	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	241.96	329.45	454.86	320.61	496.51
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(b)	Whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve museum administration in the nation, and if so, the details thereof?	Yes, in order to improve museum administration, Ministry of Culture has introduced MoU, containing target for a year. The achievement report with reference to the target is sent to MoC quarterly, Monthly reports on various administrative matters are also sent to Ministry of Culture.										
(c)	Whether the Government has considered providing specialised training and overseas trips for museum curators to improve the standards of Indian museums and if so, the details thereof;	Yes. As per orders of MoC, Curator, VMH attended workshops and seminars in Bangladesh, Paris (France), American Alliance of Museum, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Besides, MoC has initiated partnership with eminent museums abroad to train Indian Museum Personnel in international practices the Vivekananda Memorial Programme in Museum Excellence with the Art Institute of Chicago, the Leadership Training Programme with the British Museum, the Mellon conservation Fellowship Programme with the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, USA, SRAL, the Netherlands.										
(d)	Whether the Government proposes to create online repositories of museum collections, and if so, the details thereof along with the timeline over which this will be done?	Yes. As a part of Digital India Programme VMH has taken up digitization VMH collections with the help of Jadavpur University. The work will take one year more for completion.										

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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V M No. 224 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

27 January 2018

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Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 1438 due for answer on 05.02.2018 regarding Theft of Antiquities.

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 24.01.2018 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether any valuable articles have reportedly gone missing from various museums across the country;	Such cases are not taken place in VMH.
(b)	If so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;	Not applicable to VMH.
(c)	Whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;	This question does not arise.
(d)	If so, the details thereof along with the action taken against the culprits including staff/officers found responsible; and	Nil.
(e)	The steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents	Apart from strengthening of Security System by installing latest CC TV Camera / Surveillance system, the security arrangement of VMH has been handed over to CISF Personnel on 15 th January 2018. Govt. has introduced "Artefacts maintaining solutions" based on RFID application for tracking and tracing of all artefacts in Museum. RFID tagging on art objects is going on in VMH.

With regards,

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V M No. 262 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

1st February 2018

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 108 for 02.02.2018 regarding "Inter-Departmental Litigations".

Sir,

Please refer to MoC's OM F. No. 9/1/2018-AR&IT dated 31.01.2018 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether Government has prepared any National Litigation Policy for cutting down inter-departmental litigations, if so, the details thereof;	Reply is not required to be given.
(b)	The total number of inter-departmental litigations filed between 2004-2014 and 2014-17	Nil.
(c)	The measures being taken to reduce the number of inter-departmenatal litigations?	Reply is not required to be given.

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V M No. 263 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

1st February 2018

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6 for 02.02.2018 regarding "Complaints of Sexual Harassment".

Sir,

Please refer to MoC's OM no. F.8-3/2018-CDN dated 31.01.2018 on the subject stated above. I am sending herewith the replies to the aforesaid Question in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S. No	Question	Reply
(a)	The number of complaints of sexual harassment filed by female employees in all the Ministries/ Departments of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year. Ministry/ Institution- wise.	No of complaints of Sexual Harassment in this respect = NIL.
(b)	The details of such complaints and the status of their disposal;	The question does not arise.
(c)	Whether a large number of fake complaints are being filed by female employees to get undue benefit; and	No.
(d)	If so, the details thereof?	NIL.

Proforma				
Name of organization	No. Complaints of Sexual Harassment received in the current and last years	Details of complaint and status	No. of fake complaint received	Details of fake complaint
VMH, Kolkata	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

With regards,

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V M No. 286 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 506 for 07.02.2018 regarding "Indian culture and traditions".

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 01.02.2018 on the subject stated above.

I am forwarding herewith the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 506 for 07.02.2018 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

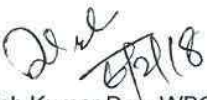
S.No	Question	Reply
(a)	The measures taken through various way, means and forms to introduce people to Indian culture and traditions, the place-wise and from-wise details thereof?	VMH organizes the following activities to introduce people to Indian culture and traditions:- 1) Educational activities – Debates, quiz, Lectures, Seminars on regular basis. 2) Various Workshops, illustrated talks, panel discussions and various exhibitions. 3) Display, special exhibition & cultural programs- both on site and in different parts of India and abroad. 4) Celebration of important National and International Day with various programmes. 5) Light & Sound show on history of Kolkata.

Details of some programmes are given below:-

Sl. No	Name of Art Form	Name of the State	Fund released (in rupees)	Remarks if any
1	Kolkata Literary Meet – 2017	West Bengal	Rs. 1,81,000/- (Approx.)	
2	Golpo Mela (Story Telling festival)	West Bengal	Rs. 80,293/- (Approx.)	
3	Programme on poetry, songs and theatre with 'Swayam'	West Bengal	Rs. 1,71,976 (Approx.)	

With regards,

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V M No. 420 /IA-10/2010 (Part III)

23 February 2018

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New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 5200 for 05.03.2018 regarding "Vacant Post".

Sir,

Please refer to your E-mail dated 22.02.2018 on the subject stated above.

I am forwarding herewith the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 5200 for 05.03.2018 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S.No	Question	Reply																				
(a)	Whether a number of posts including CEO and chairpersons are lying vacant in various institutions/organisations under the purviews of the Ministry of Culture;	Yes, there are several posts lying vacant in the VMH at present, though the post of the Head of Organization (Secretary & Curator) is not vacant.																				
(b)	If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;	<p>Vacancy position as on 31.01.2018 is as under:</p> <table><tr><th>Post</th><th>Sanctioned strength</th><th>Vacant post</th><th>Reasons</th></tr><tr><td>Group A</td><td>7</td><td>5</td><td rowspan="5">Vacancies are in existence due to retirement on superannuation. Recruitment could not be made for want of approved Recruitment Rules.</td></tr><tr><td>Group B</td><td>3</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Group C</td><td>43</td><td>24</td></tr><tr><td>Group C (MTS)</td><td>122</td><td>52</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>175</td><td>82</td></tr></table>	Post	Sanctioned strength	Vacant post	Reasons	Group A	7	5	Vacancies are in existence due to retirement on superannuation. Recruitment could not be made for want of approved Recruitment Rules.	Group B	3	1	Group C	43	24	Group C (MTS)	122	52	Total	175	82
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(c)	The steps taken by the Government to fill up such vacant posts; and	The Recruitment Rules have been revised and approved by Board of Trustees (BoT), VMH and sent to MoC for approval. MoC has raised some comments. Replies to the comments had been sent.																				
(d)	The time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?	Recruitment process will be taken up after receipt of MoC approval on Recruitment Rules.																				

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 13789 for 19.03.2018 regarding "National policy on culture".

Sir,


Please refer to your E-mail dated 08.03.2018 on the subject stated above.

I am forwarding herewith the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Diary No. 13789 for 19.03.2018 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:-

S.No	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether a national policy on culture is likely to help in explaining our duties to our posterity and developing skills and infrastructure for human resources and if so, the details thereof;	This is not known to VMH. Ministry of Culture may kindly consider to reply.
(b)	Whether the structure of culture is without any direction in the absence of the said policy and depends on a meagre national budgetary allocation and if so, the details thereof;	VMH performs the activities and programme for preservation, promotion and fostering of Art and Culture as per MoU containing target for a year approved by MoC and in accordance with 14 point issues for Museum Reforms. MoC provides regular grants to VMH, which is quite adequate for its functioning as a leading museum. Its activities are also regularly monitored by MoC.
(c)	Whether there is an urgent need of National Policy on culture;	This is not known to VMH.
(d)	If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the reasons for not preparing and National Policy on till date; and	Not applicable.
(e)	The time by which the said National Policy on Culture is likely to be formulated?	Not known to VMH.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Dy. No.10998 for 19.03.2018 regarding "Upgradation of National Museums and Children Museums"

Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 12.03.2018 on the subject stated above, we are sending herewith the reply to Lok Sabha, Unstarred Dy. No.10998 for 19.03.2018 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) as follows:

Sl. No.	Question	Reply
(a)	Whether the Government is aware about the pathetic condition of National Museums and Children Museum, Delhi and if so, details thereof;	: It is not true in case of VMH. The Ministry of Culture provides regular grant to VMH, which are quite adequate for its functioning as a leading museum. Its activities are also regularly monitored by MoC.
(b)	Whether museums in our country lack state-of-art infrastructure and viewer friendly facilities and if so, the details thereof;	: This is not known to VMH.
(c)	Whether there is a need to modernize the museums to bring them at par with museums across the world;	: Yes.
(d)	If so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;	: MoC has given all museums including VMH, Kolkata a mandate for modernization and upgradation and adequate funds are given under Plan to implement these. Modernization and renovation programme is going on in VMH by NBCC Ltd. MoC has introduced 14 point issued on Museum Reforms to improve the standards and practices in the museums and bring them at par with museums across the world. For this, Indian Museum personnel are being sent to eminent museums abroad to train in international practices e.g. Vivekananda Memorial Programme in Museum Excellence with the Art Institute, Chicago, Leadership Training Program with British Museum, the Mellong Conservation Fellowship programme in New York etc.
(e)	Whether the Government has any plan/scheme to upgrade the infrastructure of museums in the country and if so, the details thereof including funds sanctioned and works undertaken in this regard during the last three years; and	: Yes, MoC has allocated funding package of Rs.59.96 crores to VMH, Kolkata for its modernization and renovation programme. Funds sanctioned for last three (3) years are given below.

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(f)	Whether public awareness campaign is required to encourage younger generation to visit museums and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?	: In order to encourage younger generation to visit museum, the members of the Activity Club "Young Friends of VMH" organize and execute various activities e.g. workshop, quiz, panel discussion and debates for students. Students from various schools and colleges are participated in the aforesaid programmes. Workshops with the students of Museology of different universities are also conducted.												

Thanking you,

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