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14.07.2021

To,

Sri S.C. Mondal

Under Secretary, M.II

Ministry of Culture,

Shastri Bhavan

New Delhi – 110 001

Sub: Lok Sabha question No. 264 for 19.07.2021 regarding Online of Museum Collections

Ref: Your e-mail dated 13.07.2021

Sir,

With reference to above, I am directed to furnish below materials for framing of appropriate reply to Lok Sabha admitted question for 19.07.2021 regarding 'Online of Museum Collections': -

Sl. No.	Particulars	Material of NCSM for framing of appropriate reply
(a)	Whether the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to make museum and gallery collections available for 'open access' online;	Yes.
(b)	The number of artefacts at Government museums and galleries presently available for online access as of June 2021; and	The no. of Galleries available for online access in the units of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is listed at ' Annexure-A '
(c)	If so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?	NCSM is committed to make the Galleries of its units and Exhibitions online and is in the process of making new Galleries to be available

online for the visitors other than the Galleries already listed at '(b)' above.

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has initiated action to develop an online Exhibition on Covid-19 which is planned to have section on collection of Artefacts in the form of images, audio visual documents etc.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

-Sd/-

(Saibal Bose)

Dy. Controller of Administration