

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open a regional museum of Natural History to create awareness about the environmental conservation and dissemination of informal environmental education in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) While considering the proposal for setting up the Regional Museum for the Eastern Region during the Ninth Plan period, Standing Finance Committee of Ministry of Environment & Forests recommended that the Ministry should evolve an appropriate package of technical assistance and funding pattern so as to promote the establishment of Museum of Natural History by the State Governments themselves. Presently the emphasis is to consolidate the Regional Museums already set up at Mysore, Bhopal and Bhubaneswar, before any new Regional Museums are considered.