

**Item No. XXI B**

**ATR Details related to CAG and PAC Paras in Ministry of Culture as on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

**1. Para 8.1 of Report No. 12 and Chapter No. 7 of 2017: Idle investment on storage system in National Gallery of Modern Art**

Failure of Ministry of Culture to fill up key posts in the National Gallery of Modern Art for over a decade resulted in failure to relocate 16,582 works of art to a new state of the art storage system, leading to idling of investment of Rs. 3.81 crore since March 2014.

Revised ATN uploaded on APMS on 05.10.2023 and Audit has not vetted the ATN and requested for revised ATN. A draft ATN has been prepared in discussion with Museum Division and has been sent to Audit Officer on 01.04.2024 for its concurrence.

**2. Entire Report No. 10 of CAG of 2022: Follow-up on the Performance Audit of Preservation and Conservation of Monuments and Antiquities**

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) had undertaken (2012-13) a Performance Audit of Preservation and Conservation of Monuments and Antiquities and the Report (No. 18 of 2013) containing the findings of the Performance Audit was tabled in Parliament in August 2013. The Performance Audit Report was discussed by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and several recommendations based on concerns raised by Audit were made vide its Reports No. 39 (April 2016) and 118 (December 2018). This Report of the CAG for the year ended March 2021 is a follow-up of the previous Performance Audit Report (No. 18 of 2013). The Report contain the results of examination of the action taken by the Ministry of Culture/ASI on the areas of concern reported earlier, recommendations made by the PAC and assurance given by the Ministry/ASI. The audit was conducted during November 2020 to March 2021. Auditee units covered during the audit include Ministry of Culture, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), National Monument Authority, National Culture Fund, National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities and six National level Museums. Seven States viz. Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and West Bengal were selected for examining the monuments, sites and offices of ASI viz. Circles, Branch offices, Institute of Archaeology, Site-Museums, Monuments and Excavation sites. The Report has been prepared for submission to the President of India under Article 151 of the Constitution and the audit was conducted in conformity with the auditing standards issued by the CAG

First ATN uploaded on APMS on 7/11/2023 and Audit Reply received on 8/11/2023 that incomplete ATN. The revised First ATN has been updated on 30.01.2024. The vetting comment of the Audit has been received and sent to ASI Division for next ATN.