

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2295

ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002

PICASSO EXHIBITION IN NATIONAL MUSEUM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Picasso gets some extensive publicity courtesy Culture Ministry` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated December 25, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government hired a private public relation agency to handle the Picasso exhibition held in National Museum from December 14, 2001 to January 31, 2002;

(c) if so, the particulars of the public relation agency alongwith the terms and conditions for hiring the same and reasons for not organising the exhibition through Press Information Bureau; and

(d) the expenditure incurred by the Government on this account?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : Information is being collected and would be placed at the table of the House.