

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to set up a archaeological museum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the project?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has decided to set up eight museums. Out of these, Jageshwar Museum (Uttanchal) and Sheikh Chilli's Tomb Museum, Thanesar (Haryana) have been thrown open to the public, while the other six museums i.e.

- (i) Vikramshila (Bihar);
- (ii) Kangra Fort (Himachal Pradesh);
- (iii) Zanana Enclosure (Karnataka);
- (iv) Guard Room (Karnataka);
- (v) Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh); and
- (vi) Residency, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) are in the process of being set up.

(c) An expenditure of Rs.40.00 lakh and Rs.40.40 lakh has been incurred during the financial year 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively for all these museums. Rs.37.00 lakh has been allocated during the current financial year 2003-04.