

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4278  
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RENOVATION OF BAN THEATRE, TEZPUR  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have approved and sanctioned a project for reconstruction and renovation of the Ban Theatre in Tezpur (Assam);
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of the project;
- (c) whether the work on the project has been on a stand still for over a year due to delay in release of the second instalment of payment for the project by the Union Government;
- (d) whether the project has undergone any cost escalation due to this delay;
- (e) if so, the extend thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for timely completion of the project.?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE( SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government had initially approved an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- in the year 1992 out of which, the first instalment amount to Rs.25,000/- was released to the NGO's in July 1994. Subsequently on the request of the NGO the Government enhanced the sanctioned amount to Rs.9.00 lakhs as the Building Grant and Rs.1.00 lakhs as Equipment Grant in March, 1997.

(b) The original estimate of the cost of the project given by the NGO in 1992 was Rs.8,57,629/- . As per the revised figures received from the NGO in 1996, the estimated cost of construction was Rs. 35,28,703/- and cost of equipment was Rs.11,56,400/-

(c),(d)&(e) Out of the amount of Rs.9.00 lakhs sanctioned for construction, 3 instalments of grant detailed below have already been released:-

No. of Instalment	Month/Year of Release.	Amount
1st.	July, 1994	Rs.25,000/-
2nd	March, 1997	Rs.4,40,000/-
3rd	Feb.2000	Rs.2,55,000/-

As per the latest information provided by the organisation the cost of construction has gone upto Rs.61,80,692/- The processing of the NGO's request for enhanced grant after the release of the 2nd instalment as per prescribed procedure took some time.

(f) The execution/completion of the projects is the responsibility of the organisations concerned. In case of escalation of cost , the additional expenditure is required to be met by the organisations from their own sources.