

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2754  
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2001  
AUCTION OF ARTEFACTS OF NATIKONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ART  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to auction artifacts kept in Natikonal Gallery of Modern Art;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to make the defunct India Gandhi Rashtriya Kala Kendra in Delhi active and attractive;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided therefore, and
- (e) the names of other museums proposed to be made attractive and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, museum-wise.

**Answer**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN)**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, is not defunct and is carrying on its activities as envisaged in their Trust deed. The Department of Culture had provided a corpus fund of R.50.00 crores for the center, any they are to run the institution with the interest accrued on the same. In addition to this, a building grant of r.100.00 crores was also provided to the center for setting up its complex at Janpath, New Delhi.

(e) Improvement of museum under the administrative control of this Ministry is a continuous process and funds are released keeping in view the requirement and budget provision for the purpose from time to time . During the current year the Plan fund allocated to the museums under the administrative control of the Department is as follows:-

Sl. No. Name of the Organization Plan B.E. (2001-02) ( Rs. In lakhs)

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| 1. | Indian Museum, Kolkata                        | 4.50.00 |
| 2. | Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad.                 | 400.00  |
| 3. | Allahabad Museum, Allahabad.                  | 90.00   |
| 4. | National Museum, New Delhi.                   | 400.00  |
| 5. | National Gallery of Modern Art.<br>New Delhi. | 255.00  |
| 6. | Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata.              | 125.00  |