

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Govt. proposed to establish more museums at district and regional levels to take the museum movement to the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the museum concept is proposed to be redefined to keep pace with the evolving social changes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of districts/regions where this new concept is proposed to be implemented in the country including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to (e) A Scheme for "Financial assistance for Setting Up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums" is operated by Ministry of Culture under which assistance is provided for modernization and upgradation of existing Museums and for setting up of new Museums at the regional, state and local levels. The Scheme is open to the whole of India.

The Scheme was revised in 2008 in order to further promote the Museum movement in the country and to make the museums more relevant to social & technological milieu in order for them to be able to compete with the best in the world.

Applications received under the scheme are placed before an Expert Committee for consideration. The details of the scheme are available in the Ministry's website www.indiaculture.nic.in