

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL MUSEUM AT BHUBANESWAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the State Government of Orissa has asked for grant of Rs.5 crore for modernization of the existing small tribal museum at Bhubaneswar and separate funds for opening of tribal museums in all the 17 micro projects in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposals; and
- (c) the time by which the grants are likely to be sanctioned for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Govt. of Orissa had sought a grant of Rs.14.50 lakhs as Central Share for modernization of tribal museum at Bhubaneswar under a scheme of research and training being operated by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which has already been released during the current year.

No proposal from Govt. of Orissa has been received for financial assistance under the scheme of 'Setting Up, Promotion & Strengthening of Regional & Local Museums' being operated by Ministry of Culture. However, a proposal was received from an NGO for modernization and upgradation of a tribal museum at Koraput in Orissa with a project cost of Rs.93.00 lakhs. Since the application was incomplete and it lacked certain mandatory documents (including Utilization Certificate for the grants of Rs 13.20 lakhs released to the organization during the year 2006-07), the organisation has been asked to furnish these documents. Further consideration to the proposal is dependent in receipt of a duly completed proposal.