

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to preserve museums in the country; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the facilities to visitors of Museums in the country?

Answer

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

(a to b) 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 which inter alia includes components on renovation, repairs, extension, modernization of galleries, conservation, etc, of existing museums at the regional, state and local levels. Improvement of the visitor's facilities is one of the components of modernization, which is a continuous process.

The Government has also undertaken a comprehensive 14 point agenda for museum reforms, that includes improvement of visitors' facilities at museums of national importance under the Ministry of Culture.