

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5316
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2010
NEW MUSEUM TO SHOWCASE SAGA OF INDEPENDENCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to establish a new museum to showcase the historic saga of independence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project; and
- (c) the time by which the new museum is likely to be established?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Details are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The establishment of new museum may take about one year from the date of appointment of agency for execution of the project through the process of tender.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5316 FOR 28.04.2010.

Ministry of Tourism has proposed to set up a National Freedom Movement Museum- A Multi Dimensional Digital Museum to highlight the freedom struggle tracing its history from 1857 to 1947 within the premises of Red Fort, a World Heritage Site. The proposed Museum would be housed in one of the colonial building (B-3). It has to components viz. Structural Conservation of the building and establishment of museum. The conservation work is being taken up by the Archaeological Survey of India as a deposit work. Estimates amounting to Rs.1,69,56,000/- have already been approved and is funded by the Ministry of Tourism. So far, Ministry of Tourism has deposited/funded Rs.2,37,80,000/- with the Archaeological Survey of India for the conservation of B-3 & B-4 buildings at Red Fort. Out of this an amount of Rs.27,35,436/- has already been spent for the development of the building (B-3). An estimate amounting of Rs.1,91,55,000/- has been sanctioned for Building No.4 (B-4) and expenditure amounting to Rs.34,63,000/- has been incurred. The restoration work is in progress. The proposed museum would be established by Indian Tourism Development Corporation and the estimated cost of the project is Rs.816 lakhs. In addition to this Archaeological Survey of India also has the proposal of extending the existing Swatantrata Sangram Sangrahalaya, Red Fort to cater for a museum in the name of National Freedom Movement Museum. For extending this museum another colonial building (L-6) within the Red Fort has been selected. In this context an estimate amounting to Rs.1,27,00,000/- has been prepared and is being processed for approval.