

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5318  
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MODERNISATION OF PREMIER INSTITUTION  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has provided funds for the modernization of four premier institutions, viz.the Asiatic Society, National Library, Victoria Memorial and Indian Museum located in Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, institution-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaints of financial irregularities in these institutions particularly in the Victoria Memorial and Indian Museum;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any investigations into these complaints;
- (f) if so, the outcome of the investigations; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The following amounts were allocated for modernization of four premier institutions:

(Rs. In lakhs)  
Organisation B.E.2009-2010 R.E.2009-2010

Asiatic Society	2100.00	1000.50
National Library	1850.00	1465.00
Victoria Memorial Hall	2100.00	650.00
Indian Museum	2900.00	950.00

The allocation had to be reduced at RE stage, as timely demands were not generated by these organizations, along with requisite details.

(c) to (g): CBI has registered six FIRs on different cases against officers of Indian Museum and charge-sheets have been filed in five cases. These cases are pending before the Hon'ble courts. The officials against whom charge sheets have been filed have since retired, except two who had been placed under suspension.

In the case of Victoria Memorial Hall, CBI undertook verification of certain irregularities and has intimated that same could not be substantiated in the majority of the cases. In 3 cases, CBI has reported evidence of administrative lapses.