

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADING MUSEUM INFRASTRUCTURES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade infrastructural facilities and standards of various museums in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to augment / increase the security system for various Government museums in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government operates a plan scheme for 'Setting up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional & Local Museums' under which financial assistance is provided to applicant Museums at regional & local level for upgradation and modernization of their Infrastructure. A list of museums that were provided financial assistance under this scheme during last three years is at Annexure I.

In addition, under a separate plan scheme named "Modernization of Museums in the Metro cities" during XI plan period, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai and Government Museum, Egmore, Chennai have also been provided grants for modernization & improvement of their infrastructure.

Further, all national level museums are provided Plan funds/Grants-in-aid for undertaking upgradation of their infrastructure and other facilities. Funds allocated to these Museums during last three years are at Annexure II.

(c) & (d): Augmentation of security systems in the museums is a continuous and ongoing process. All government museums/Institutes are expected to ensure adequacy of security systems as per their needs, and plan funds are made available for augmentation, as required.