

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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GRANTS TO NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently given a grant to the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a special audit was carried out at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library which revealed a number of financial irregularities therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken / proposed to be taken against those held responsible?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION & MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b) Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) is an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Ministry of Culture. During the last four years, the following Plan and Non-Plan grants were released to NMML:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Plan	244.95	919.99	1429.55	860.37
Non-Plan	669.98	792.31	1033.16	929.62

In addition to the above, a separate grant of Rs. 20 crores was released to NMML in FY 2007-08 for its modernization.

(c) to (d) A Performance Evaluation of NMML for the period 2006-07 to 2008-09 was conducted by the office of Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Culture. The main observations made in the Report are as follows:-

1. Poor utilization of funds during the period 2006-2009 inter-alia, for Publications, Library development, reprography, preservation service and Museum development.
2. Improper utilization of funds meant for the Modernisation project.
3. Irregular utilization of Plan Fund for Non-Plan activities.
4. Irregular appointments of Consultants.
5. Irregularities during organisation and conduct of Bal Mela.
6. Irregular expenditure in procurement of goods and services and violations of Financial Rules.

(e) Action to be taken on the basis of the Report has been taken up with this autonomous institution.