

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4151  
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CONSTRUCTUION OF GALLERY  
Singh Shri Ganesh

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

- (a) whether a proposal for construction of a gallery of the International Buddhist Museum in Kandy, Sri Lanka is pending;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has opposed the said proposal; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b) The Government of Sri Lanka requested the Government of India to participate in the establishment of the Sri Dalada Maligawa International Museum of World Buddhism in Kandy, Sri Lanka by contributing to an Indian Gallery in the Museum. On the request of Ministry of External Affairs, National Museum prepared a concept paper on Indian participation in the Indian Gallery in the International Museum. Ministry of External Affairs has decided to implement the project through a transparent bidding process.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.