

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MUSEUMS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the schemes implemented for providing financial assistance to States for construction of new museums in the country;
- (b) the funds allocated for these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including West Bengal and;
- (c) the details of each project taken up under the said schemes alongwith the details of the progress made so far during the above period, project-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a & b) A scheme for 'Financial assistance for Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums' is implemented by the Government since 1992-93. In 2008, the scheme was revised and a provision for financial assistance for setting up of new museums was incorporated. Funds allocated under this scheme during last 3 years & current year is as under:-

Sl. No.    Period    Amount (in Rs.)

1.    2008-09    1200 lakh

2.    2009-10    1250 lakh

3.    2010-11    1450 lakh

4.    2011-12    1450 lakh

However, no specific allocation of funds for construction of new museum state-wise is made.

(c) So far, State Governments of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Uttarakhand have applied under the revised scheme for setting up of new museums at Jaipur, Sironj and Rishikesh respectively.

The present status of these proposals are as under:

(i) Rajasthan : Town Hall Museum at Jaipur : - Rs.100.00 lakhs was sanctioned to Government of Rajasthan as seed money for preparation of DPRs for 3 museums including establishment of a new museum at Baran. Govt. of Rajasthan requested to construct a Museum at Vidhan Sabha Bhawan, Town hall at Jaipur in place of the one earlier proposed at Baran. This has been agreed to by the Government. Since the 'Town Hall Museum' project entails a project cost of Rs.45.00 crore they have been asked to submit a detailed report about the matching share.

(ii) Madhya Pradesh : Local Archaeological Museum at Sironj : - Rs.100 lakh has been sanctioned as seed money to Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to carry out urgent conservation related work and for preparation of DPRs for the 3 museums prioritized by them, which includes one for construction of a Museum at Sironj, Vidisha.

(iii) Uttarakhand : The Himalayan Museum at Rishikesh :- Rs.30.00 lakhs has been sanctioned as seed money for carrying out preliminary work and for preparation of a DPR.