

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF MUSEUMS

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

- (a) whether the Government is satisfied with the level of the standards of museums in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken to improve the standards;
- (c) whether Government is considering to allocate additional funds for the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is organizing a Leadership Training Programme for museum professionals across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such professionals benefited by the said programme, so far?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) There are six national level museums and forty one site museums of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under Ministry of Culture. These are important museums having large collections of artifacts, paintings, sculptures, coins etc. The upgradation and modernization of these museums are taken up by the Government. The Government has initiated 14 Points Agenda on Museum Reforms in 2009 in an effort to bring qualitative changes in museums in India to keep pace with the international development in the field. In addition, financial assistance is also provided to museums at regional and local level for their upgradation and modernization under the "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Setting Up, Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums". Besides, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai and Egmore Museum, Chennai have been provided financial assistance by the Government for their modernization under the "Scheme for Modernization of Museums in Metro Cities".

(c) Sufficient funds are made available to these museums as per their requirement.

(d)and(e) Yes, Sir. A Leadership Training Programme for Museum Professionals has been undertaken by the Ministry in collaboration with British Museum, London, where 20 professionals from important museums are undergoing training. The programme has started in January 2012.