

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:27.03.2012
SETTING UP OF MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of museums in various parts of the country, alongwith the locations thereof;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of such museums during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government/ Archaeological Survey of India proposes to set up a museum at Lalitgiri to house the excavated bone relics of Lord Buddha;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the present status of the museum alongwith the time by which relics in relics caskets are likely to be thrown open for public viewing?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 185 FOR 27.03.2012.

A total of forty four Archaeological Site Museums functions under the Archaeological Survey of India, an attached office of Ministry of Culture. Another two National level museums, namely National Museum and National Gallery of Modern Art, function as Subordinate offices of the Ministry of Culture. Besides the above, seven other museums are provided Grants –in-aid for their maintenance and upkeep. The list of Museums is at Annexure –I.

The expenditure incurred on maintenance and upkeep of the above museums during last three years and current year is at Annexure-II.

Archaeological Survey of India already has a sculpture shed at Lalitgiri which is proposed to be upgraded to a site museum and will house the excavated bone relics retrieved during excavation.

Relics will be available for public viewing once the museum is complete in all respects.