

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7464

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ASSITANCE TO MUSEUMS

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

- (a) whether the Government has a scheme for financial assistance for setting up, promotion and strengthening of local and regional museums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any requests for grant of assistance under the said scheme from the State Governments of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for development and strengthening of museums in the said States?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) A Central Scheme is operated by the Ministry of Culture for providing financial assistance for "Setting up, Promotion and Strengthening of Local and Regional Museums".Details of the Scheme are available at Ministry's Website: [www.indiaculture.nic.in](http://www.indiaculture.nic.in)

(c), (d) & (e) A proposal was received from Government of Odisha in February 2011 for setting up of a 'Odissi Museum' at Bhubaneswar. The proposal was considered by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 4 May 2011, when the representatives of the applicant Museum were not able to provide necessary information / clarifications relating to concept of the Museum. Another opportunity has been given to the applicant Museum to make a presentation. Response of the applicant Museum is awaited.

Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted one proposal in June 2010 and another three proposals in May 2011 under the Scheme. The proposals were considered by the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 5.8.2011 and the Committee recommended sanction of Rs.100 lakh for undertaking preliminary activities in relation to three Museums to be prioritized by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAp). Accordingly, the amount of Rs. 100 lakh was released to GoAP. Detailed Project Reports submitted by GoAP in respect of three prioritized Museums were, however, not found to be in the requisite format. The revised Detailed Project Reports are awaited.