

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION 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, location-wise;
- (b) the total amount spent on maintenance and upkeep of such museums during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to maintain, upgrade and modernise museums in the country, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the objects that have been added recent years in the various museums in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (e) whether steps are being taken to fill the vacant posts in museums across the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) There are nine national level museums under the Ministry of Culture. Besides, there are forty four site museums under the control of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). National Museum (New Delhi) and National Gallery of Modern Art (New Delhi, Mumbai & Bangalore) are subordinate offices of the Ministry and are provided budgetary support whereas seven others [namely Indian Museum (Kolkata), Victoria Memorial Hall (Kolkata), Salar Jung Museum (Hyderabad), Allahabad Museum (Allahabad), National Council of Science Museums (Kolkata), Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (Bhopal) and Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (New Delhi)] are provided Grants-in-aid (both Plan and Non-Plan) for their maintenance, upgradation and modernisation. The expenditure (Plan / Non-Plan) incurred by these Museums for maintenance and upkeep during last three years and the current year is annexed (Annexure-I).

(d) 8166 art objects have been added in recent years in these Museums (Details at Annexure –II).

(e) & (f) Vacancies arise from time to time due to retirement of officials or promotion of the officials to higher grades. Action is taken to fill up these vacancies as per laid down procedures.