

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR CONSERVATION OF MEMORIALS AND MUSEUMS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the financial assistance provided to the State Governments including Punjab for the conservation of memorials and setting up of new museums during each of the last three years and the current year, memorial/museum and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the funds allocated/released for the purpose has been fully utilized;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI. SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) No financial assistance has been provided to the State Governments including that of Punjab for conservation of memorials. However, financial assistance has been provided to Government of Punjab for setting up of new memorials in connection with commemoration of 150 years of First War of Independence, 1857 as per the details in the Annexure.

The details of financial assistance provided for setting up new museums to State Governments during the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

(b) No

(c) & (d): The construction work of the two memorials by Government of Punjab is still going on. The matter is regularly taken up with the State Government for monitoring the progress of the work.

As per the terms and conditions of the release of grants for setting up museums, State Governments are required to submit Utilization Certificates within twelve months of the closure of the financial year of the release of the grants.