

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide financial assistance for setting up of the International Museum at Puri;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard alongwith the status of the museum;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to extend financial assistance for setting up " Odissi Museum" at Guru KeluCharanMohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (b) ShriJagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya, Puri submitted a proposal in July, 2013 seeking financial assistance under Museum Grant Scheme for Setting up of an International Museum-cum- Studies Centre at Puri. On scrutiny of the proposal, it was found incomplete and accordingly a deficiency memo was sent to the university on 29.8.2013. The university submitted a revised proposal in March, 2014 which was not found to be in the prescribed format. University authorities were informed of the deficiencies in April, 2014.

(c) to (d) The proposal received from Guru KeluCharan MohapatraOdissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar for financial assistance for setting up "Odissi Museum" was placed before the Expert Committee meeting held on 6.5.2014 which inter-alia observed that the details of museum collection, plan of display etc. were not mentioned in the proposal. The observations of the Committee were conveyed to the Centre on 17th July, 2014.