

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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**DIGITIZATION OF MUSEUM COLLECTIONS**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to digitize the collections of all the museums under the Ministry.
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to launch a national portal for museums;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the portal is likely to be launched?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture has decided to digitize the collections of all the Museums under it and under the ASI by utilizing the Jatan Collection Management Software developed by C-DAC, Pune. For this purpose the Ministry of Culture entered into an MOU with C-DAC for developing a software for collection management, National Portal and Pilot Digital Repository for Indian Museums at a cost of Rs. 145 lakhs plus taxes. In the first phase of the project, the Jatan software developed by C-DAC has been implemented in the following 10 museums under Ministry of Culture:-

- (1) National Museum, New Delhi.
- (2) Allahabad Museum, Allahabad, UP.
- (3) Indian Museum, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- (4) National Gallery of Modern Arts , New Delhi.
- (5) National Gallery of Modern Arts, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- (6) National Gallery of Modern Arts, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- (7) Archaeological Survey of India Museum, Goa.
- (8) Archaeological Survey of India Museum, Nagarjunakonda, A.P.
- (9) Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, Telangna.
- (10) Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, West Bengal.

The digitized collections of the above museums comprising more than 11,000 art objects have already been transferred to C-DAC, Pune for incorporation in the digital repository.

- (c) (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. A national portal with website [www.museumsofindia.gov.in](http://www.museumsofindia.gov.in) has already been launched on 21.10.2014