

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.150
TO BE ANSWERED 19th JULY, 2021
ONLINE OF MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to make museum and gallery collections available for 'open access' online;
- (b) the number of artefacts at Government museums and galleries presently available for online access as of June 2021; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
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- (a) to (c): The Ministry of Culture has taken up the task of digitisation of collections of ten (10) museums under its domain through Jatan programme since April 2014, even before the onset of Covid-19. Besides this, the Ministry also operates a scheme namely 'Museum Grant Scheme' under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments, Societies, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies and Trusts registered under the Societies Act for digitisation of art objects in the museums across the country for making their images/catalogue available over the website for online access.

The number of artefacts at Government museums and galleries under Ministry of Culture available for online access as of 30.06.2021 at the website <http://museumsfindia.gov.in> are as under:

	<u>Name of Museum</u>		<u>No. of artefacts available on site</u>
i.	National Museum, New Delhi	-	80997
ii.	Indian Museum, Kolkata	-	46326
iii.	Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata	-	26611
iv.	Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad	-	47504
v.	Allahabad Museum, Paryagraj	-	61642
vi.	National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi	-	12902
vii.	National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai	-	1460
viii.	National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru	-	534
ix.	ASI Goa Museum	-	701
x.	ASI, Nagarjunakonda Museum	-	8450