GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2017

SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DIGITISATION OF MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

1155. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:
Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether museum collections have been digitised under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Digitisation of Museum Collections, if so, the present status of the scheme in terms of proposed and pending projects; and

(b) whether Government is planning to utilise the national database created under this project to work on art thefts in the country, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Museum collections are being digitised by various museums under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Digitisation of Museum Collections. Under the Scheme, the Government has so far provided financial assistance to 18 museums. No proposal is pending with the Government for grant of financial assistance under the scheme.

(b) The scheme aims at developing a National Database of all art objects and antiquities available with museums at various levels i.e. National level, State level and regional and local museums all across the country in order to provide enhanced accessibility to scholars, researchers and informed visitors.