

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 488
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021
MAINTENANCE OF ANTIQUE ITEMS

488 # Shri Brijlal:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the standards regarding maintenance and safety of various museums and antique items kept in these museums of the country;
- (b) the amount spent on maintenance and safety of various museums and antique items kept in those museums of the country in the last three years, and
- (c) the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION**

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- (a): The museums under the Ministry of Culture have been upgrading their security system by installing modern technological gadgets like CCTVs, X-Ray baggage scanners, metal detectors, Fire alarm system / smoke detectors, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of the artwork etc. The collection is restored and conserved on a regular basis in the in-house laboratory. All artworks are displayed/ stored under the prescribed norms of temperature and humidity. Documentation and digitization of the collection is also done on a regular basis. Some museums such as National Museum, Victoria Memorial Hall, Indian Museum and Salar Jung Museum have deployed CISF for 24x7 security of the museums and antique items placed in the museums. Other museums including Science Centres/Cities have also their own arrangement for the security of the museums.

(b)&(c): The amount spent on maintenance and safety of various museums and antique items kept in these museums in the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. In lakhs)					
S.No.	Name of the museum	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	Total
1	National Museum	1495.25	1325.23	5695.17	8515.65
2	National Council of Science Museums(NCSM)	1681.83	1943.23	1422.35	5047.41
3	Salar Jung Museum	1522.39	1390.13	716.63	3629.15
4	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) Museums	1498.00	818.00	990.00	3306.00
5	Victoria Memorial Hall	1392.18	1431.17	1390.12	4213.47
6	National Gallery of Modern Arts (NGMA)	1251.56	438.11	423.67	2113.34
7	Indian Museum	311.77	568.32	702.57	1582.66
8	Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya(IGRMS)	210.77	219.97	201.11	631.85
9	Allahabad Museum	2.74	2.18	6.99	11.91
