

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 29
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022

MODERNISATION OF MUSEUMS

* 29. **SHRI N. R. ELANGO:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any initiatives have been taken to modernise museums and make them more attractive and interactive; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION**
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA
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(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Ministry of Culture operates two schemes namely Museum Grant Scheme (MGS) and Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS), one of the components of which is development/modification of existing museums and modernization/upgradation of existing Science Cities/Science Centres/Innovation Hubs respectively.

These schemes aim to provide financial assistance to modernize/upgrade and create a congenial spatial setting for diverse exhibitions, galleries and visitors amenities in the existing Museums and Science Cities/Science Centres/Innovation Hubs. One of the components under Museum Grant Scheme is Digitization of Museum Collections which primarily focuses on digitization of museum collection.

During the last two years (2020-21 and 2021-22), 8 museums have been funded under Museum Grant Scheme for development/modernization of existing museums. Similarly 13 Science Cities/Science Centres/Innovation Hubs have been funded under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science for modernization, renovation and improvement of existing facilities.

Details of financial assistance provided by Ministry of Culture for development/modifications of museums under Museum Grant Scheme and modernization/upgradation of existing Science Cities/Science Centres/Innovation Hubs under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science during last two years (2020-21 and 2021-22) are enclosed at **Annexure-I & Annexure-II** respectively.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) to (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.29 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 08.12.2022 REGARDING “MODERNISATION OF MUSEUMS”

Details of the fund released by Ministry of Culture for development/modernization of existing museums under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last two years (2020-21 and 2021-22)

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	State	Name of Organization	FY: 2020-21	FY: 2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	Archaeological Museum, Eluru, West Godavari Dist. Department of Archaeology & Museums, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	80.00	
2		Bapu Museum, M G Road, Vijayawada, Krishna Distt. Department of Archaeology & Museums, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	160.00	
3	Goa	Museum of Christian Art, Goa, Annex Convent of Santa Monica, Old Goa	100.00	
4	Madhya Pradesh	Gujari Mahal Museum, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (Govt of MP)	-	78.00
5	Maharashtra	Funds & Properties of the Parsi Panchayet Bombay, of Framji Dadabhoy Alpiwalla Museum, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road, Fort, Mumbai	-	100.00
6	Tamil Nadu	High Court of Madras, George Town, Chennai	-	19.00
7		Department of Museum, Govt. Of Tamilnadu for Development of Egmore Museum Egmore (iconic State Mueum, Tamilnadu	541.389	-
8	Uttarakhand	Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Uttrakhand	-	39.66
Total			881.38	236.66

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Details of the fund released by Ministry of Culture under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) for modernization/upgradation of existing Science Cities/Science Centres/Innovation Hubs during 2020-21 and 2021-22

Sl. No.	Renovated Galleries /Facilities	Estimated Cost (in lakhs)	
		FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
1	‘Biotechnology’ at Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore on 15 th February, 2021.	143.18	
2	Children’s gallery at Regional Science Centre, Guwahati on 15 th March, 2021.	21.50	
3	Gallery on ‘Hall of Aviation & Space’ was inaugurated at Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai on 28 th February, 2022.		220.00
4	Exhibit titled ‘Giant Magic Tap’ having 20-feet height, installed in the lawn of Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata on 10 th November, 2020.	5.51	
5	A Sculpture of Sir C.V. Raman in the Science Park at District Science Centre, Dharampur on 10 th November, 2020.	1.63	
6	Interactive outdoor Exhibit titled ‘Floral Kaleidoscope’ at Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar on 7 th December 2020	0.43	
7	Light and Sound Show on ‘Pre-Historic Park’ at District Science Centre, Tirunelveli on 27 th February, 2021.	13.87	
8	Science Park Exhibit titled ‘Giant Magic Tap’ at Science Centre, Bardhaman on 28 th February, 2021.	3.02	
9	Science Park Exhibit titled ‘Giant Magic Tap’ at Srikrishna Science Centre, Patna on 28 th February 2021.	3.55	
10	Exhibit on ‘Energy Drum’ at North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri on 28th February, 2021.	1.88	
11	Outdoor Exhibit on ‘Magic Water Tap’ at North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri on 22 nd March, 2021.	3.07	
12	Science Park exhibit on ‘Giant Magic Water Tap’ at District Science Centre, Purulia on 16 th November, 2021.		3.03
13	All works related to the Upgradation of HVAC system in Main and Mini Auditoria have been completed at Science City, Kolkata.		604.70
Total		197.64	827.73
