

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 17**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

**VIRTUAL EXPERIENTIAL MUSEUM SCHEME**

17. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The total grant allotted for States under the “Virtual Experiential Museum” Scheme;
- (b) States that have already initiated Virtual Experiential Museums;
- (c) The details of such museums and the fund allotted for each; and
- (d) The details of the pending applications for initiating the Virtual Experiential Museums?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
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(a),(b)&(c): Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided to Centre/State Government, Autonomous bodies, NGOs, Trust, Public Sector Undertakings and Societies registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860 to develop/establish museum at regional, state and district level. Virtual Experiential Museum is one of the sub-components under Museum Grant Scheme which has been added in November, 2021. For financial year 2022-23, Rs.32.23 Crore have been allocated under Museum Grant Scheme.

Further, one Virtual Experiential Museum on Ajanta at National Museum with a project cost at Rs.8.61 Crore and another Man Mahal, Varanasi with the total project cost at Rs.7.50 Crore, has already been set up by the Ministry.

(d): One proposal of Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for development of Bantony Castle, Shimla, has been recommended by Expert Committee of Museum Grant Scheme.

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