

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1301**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2025**

**“ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE MUSEUMS”**

**1301. Dr. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:**

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government maintains any inventory or registry of privately-owned museums and heritage sites in the country, like Manjusha museum in Dharmasthala, Karnataka and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any financial assistance, tax incentives or special schemes exist to support the private individuals in conservation, restoration or adaptive reuse of such heritage museums and sites, collection of artefacts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would propose any dedicated scheme to provide financial or technical assistance for them and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) & (c) Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of New Museums/development of the existing museums/digitization of museum collections/setting up of virtual museums and training of museums professionals of museums managed by Central/State Governments, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Public sector Undertaking, local bodies, Academic Institutions and Trusts registered under the societies Act at the regional, State and District Level.

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