

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

“MODERNISING MUSEUMS”

2100. DR. BHAGWAT KARAD:
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:
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- (a) the progress made in establishing new museums, galleries and experiential spaces in the country, especially in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar;
- (b) the measures taken to modernise existing museums and the support extended to regional museums nationwide, particularly in the said city;
- (c) the impact of national-level cultural events in enhancing public engagement with museums and cultural institutions across the country particularly in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar; and
- (d) the manner in which these museum- related initiatives are expected to promote cultural tourism, strengthen creative economies and expand public access to the country’s cultural heritage at national level particularly in the said city?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

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- (a) Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of New Museums, setting up of galleries in museums managed by Central/State Governments, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, Local bodies, Trusts registered under the Societies Act. The details of new museums established under Museum Grant Scheme for last five years are at **Annexure-I**.

Recently, two new galleries were established in Red Fort, New Delhi i.e., (i) Arms and Armour Gallery and (ii) Air India Art Collection Gallery.

Further, in the past years, Archaeological Survey of India has created and developed several archaeological site museums across the nation. The list of new museums, galleries, experiential spaces developed is enclosed at **Annexure-II**, however, there is no proposal at present for establishing new archaeological site museums, galleries and experiential spaces for especially in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.

- (b) Archaeological Survey of India annually maintains and periodically upgrades the existing archaeological site museums across the nation.
- (c) and (d): Archaeological Survey of India has enhanced public engagement with cultural institutions through Large-scale exhibitions, observance of World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week, ICOM Intentional Museum Day, and other national events.

These initiatives improve visibility, support outreach activities, and generate wider public interest while showcasing the nation's rich heritage.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2100 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2025 REGARDING “MODERNISING MUSEUMS”.

Year-wise details of the fund released for establishment/setting up of new museum under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last 5 years and current year.

(Rs. in lakhs)											
S. No.	State	District	Name of Organization	Type of Org.	FY: 2020-21	FY: 2021-22	FY: 2022-23	FY: 2023-24	FY: 2024-25	FY: 2025-26	Progress
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Anantpur	Government of Andhra Pradesh, Padamshree Kalluri Subbarao Memorial District Archaeological Museum Anantpur	State Govt.	-	-	-	286.00	-	-	Completed
2.		Visakhapatnam	Science City of Andhra Pradesh, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Kailasgiri (Dovari Konda), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh		-	-	58.467	-	-	129.132	Ongoing project
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Ziro	Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, District Museum, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh	State Govt.	-	-	-	-	21.698	338.301	Ongoing project
4.	Gujarat	Rajkot	Rajkot Rajya Foundation, Rajit Villas Palace, Palace Road, Rajkot, Gujarat	NGO	250.00	-	125.00	125.00	-	-	Completed
5.	Karnataka	Shivamogga	Shivappa Nayaka Museum & Research Bureau, Sri Bekkiinakalmatha, Shivamogga Karnataka	NGO	-	-	75.00	-	-	-	Ongoing project
6.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	GALAXY, Karaunasai Road, Velland, P.O. Trivandrum, Thiruvananthapuram	NGO	50.00	50.00	-	-	-	-	Completed

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7.	Leh Ladhak	Leh	Deskid Cultural and Welfare Society, Deskid, Gonpa, Ladhak	NGO	-	-	108.76	-	-	-	Ongoing project
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Vidhish	Local Archaeological Museum, Sironj, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh Heritage Development Trust, Archaeology, Archives and Museum, Banganga Road, Bhopal	State Govt.	-	-	22.90	-	-	22.92	Ongoing project
9.	Manipur	Imphal	State Archaeology, Govt. of Manipur Imphal, Manipur	State Govt.	-	-	-	108.87	-	-	Ongoing project
10.		Thoubal	Khongjom War Memorial Trust Khongjom Bazar, Opposite Khongjom Police Station, Thoubal District, Manipur	NGO	250.00	-	-	125.00	-	-	Ongoing project
11.		Chandel	Anallon Christian Development Committee (ACDC), Chandel, Manipur		-	-	-	224.58	-	112.299	Ongoing project
12.	Mizoram	Lunglei	District Museum, Lunglei, Director Art & Culture Department, Chanmari, Aizwal	NGO	-	206.80	-	206.807	-	-	Completed
13.		Lawngtlai	Tribal Museum, Kamalnagar, Dist. Lawngtlai, Chakma Autonomous District Council, Kamalnagar, Mizoram Mizoram	Autonomous Bodies	-	-	-	-	-	225.00	Ongoing project
14.		Siaha	Regional Museum, Siaha, Dept. of Art and Culture, Govt. of Mizoram	State Govt.	-	-	-	-	-	450.65	Ongoing project
15.	Nagaland	Kohima	Naga Traditional Museum, Khel, Kohima Village, Kohima,	NGO	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	Completed
16.		Tuesang	Museum in	State	306.21	-	-	-	-	-	Completed

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			Tsaru, Tuesang, Directorate of Art and Culture, Kohima, Nagaland	Govt.							
17.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar	J. D Centre Of Art, VIP Colony, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar	NGO	-	-	-	35.352	57.887	-	Ongoing project
18.	Punjab	Patiala	Punjab State Civil Aviation Council, Patiala Civil Aerodrome, Sangrur Road, Patiala, Punjab	Govt. organization	-	250.00	-	-	-	-	Ongoing project
19.	Rajasthan	Udaipur	Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap Samiti, Udaipur, Rajasthan	NGO	-	112.50	-	-	-	-	Ongoing project
20.		Jaisalmer	Shri Girdhar Smarak Dharmarth Nyas Trust, (Shri Girdhar Smarak Trust) Kings Palace, Jaisalmer Fort Palace Museum, Jaisalmer		250.00	-	-	-	-	-	Ongoing project
21.	Telangana	Hyderabad	Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, Telangana	Autonomous body of MoC	-	-	-	33.00	-	-	Completed
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Shahjahanpur	Shahjahanpur Freedom Fighters Museum, Office of Cantonment Board, Carriappa, Shahjahanpur	Govt. organization	98.932	100.036	-	-	-	-	Completed
23.		Luknow	India Literacy board, Literacy House, Kanpur Pur Road, Lucknow	NGO	-	250.00	-	-	-	125.00	Ongoing project
24.		Varanasi	Sant Ravidas Museum at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, Directorate of Museum, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh	State Govt.	-	-	-	-	-	500.00	Ongoing project
25.	West Bengal	North 24 Pargana	Directorate General Border Security Force (BSF) (Eastern Command), Kolkata	Govt.	-	324.35	-	154.839	-	7.335	Ongoing project

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2100 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 18.12.2025 REGARDING “MODERNISING MUSEUMS”.**

List of New Museums and Exhibitions maintained by Archaeological Survey of India:

SI. No.	Name of the Archaeological Museum	State	Year of opening
1.	Archaeological Site Museum, Piprahwa (Kapilvastu)	Uttar Pradesh	2016
2.	Archaeological Site Museum, Shivpuri	Madhya Pradesh	2017
3.	Archaeological Site Museum, Lalitagiri	Odisha	2019
4.	'1857- India's First War of Independence', Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	2019
5.	'Yaad-e-Jallian', B2 Colonial Building, Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	2019
6.	'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and INA', Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	2019
7.	Virtual Experiential Museum, Man Mahal, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	2019
8.	'Azaadi-ke-Diwane', Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	2019
9.	'Gallery of Confiscated and Retrieved Antiquities', Purana Qila	Delhi	2019
10.	'Museum on Mahatma Candhi', Aga Khan Palace, Pune	Maharashtra	2019
11.	The Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site Museum	Delhi	2024
SI. No.	Name of the Exhibition	State	Year of opening
1.	'Ami Kolkata', Metcalf Hall, Kolkata	West Bengal	2019
2.	Prakaram Diwas Exhibition on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose	Odisha	2025
3.	Aviral Shashwat Kumbh, Kalagram, Mahakumbh, Prayagraj	Uttar Pradesh	2025