

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

4356. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding the development of museums, libraries and other cultural infrastructure in Maharashtra during the last five years;
- (b) how many new institutions have been established and how many existing ones have been upgraded or modernized;
- (c) the measures being implemented to digitize archives, promote public engagement and facilitate educational programmes; and
- (d) the manner in which the Ministry coordinates with State authorities to ensure accessibility, maintenance and community participation, thereby preserving historical artifacts, manuscripts and cultural knowledge, promoting learning and enhancing the State's cultural identity and heritage for researchers, students and the general public?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) and (b) The details of the development of museum financed under Museum Grant Scheme and under the administrative jurisdiction of ASI in the State of Maharashtra during the last five years are at **Annexure-I**.

Libraries fall under the State List as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, and libraries function under the administrative control of the respective State or Union Territory Authorities. The establishment of new libraries is within the purview of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Accordingly, information regarding the total number of new public libraries established is not maintained by this Ministry.

However, Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, provides financial assistance for development of public libraries across the country including Maharashtra under its various approved Matching and Non-matching schemes which encompasses the purpose to enrich the knowledge resources of public library, procurement of library furniture, construction of library building, for establishment of children corner, knowledge corner and for creation of facilities for Divyangjan Readers and modernization of public library services by procuring computers, printers etc. with active cooperation of the respective State / UT Library Authority. Financial assistance under various schemes of RRRLF for development of public libraries across the country is provided based on the eligible recommended application submitted by the State/UT public library authority duly approved by the State Library Planning Committee of the respective State/ UT. Financial assistance released under various schemes of RRRLF in Maharashtra over the last five year is as under:-

Year	Amount of financial assistance released (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of libraries assisted
2020-21	180.65	1675
2021-22	166.73	12219
2022-23	86.23	55
2023-24	173.89	1111
2024-25	112.84	213

Further, financial assistance released and number of libraries assisted by Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF) for development of public libraries in Maharashtra on the basis of the recommended applications received under the scheme “Assistance to Public Libraries for Modernization of Library Services” is as under

Year	Amount of financial assistance released (Rs. in Lakh)	No. of libraries assisted
2020-21	247.02	404
2021-22	0	0
2022-23	0	0
2023-24	105.00	150
2024-25	120.00	160

National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme, under its Setting up of NML Model Library component, provides financial assistance to 1 State Central Library and 1 District Library in each State /UT, as per the recommendation of the State/UT Authorities concerned and 6

Libraries identified by Ministry of Culture. As recommended by the Competent Authority of the Department of Libraries, Government of Maharashtra, One (1) District Library and One (1) Divisional Library were developed under NML Model Library Scheme. The details are given below:

Library Name	Amount Sanctioned (In. Lakhs)	Total amount Released (In. Lakhs)	Amount Released (In. Lakhs) during last (5) Five Years	Remarks
District Library, Nandurbar	21.90	18.43	2.68	Project Completed
Govt. Divisional Library, Aurangabad	60.55	57.21	17.35	

- (c) Digitization of archival records is being undertaken by the National Archives of India under the Ministry of Culture with the objective of preserving valuable documentary heritage and facilitating wider access to archival records. As part of this initiative, archival records are being systematically digitized and their metadata is being created and integrated into the Archival Information Management System. The digitized records are being made available through the portal Abhilekh Patal, which serves as a national digital platform for archival resources
- (d) Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of new museums/development of existing museums/digitization of museum collection and training to the museum professionals of museums by Central/State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Local Bodies and Trust registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 at the regional, state and district level. In order to seek financial assistance under Museum Grant Scheme, a proposal is required to be submitted to the Ministry in the prescribed proforma alongwith all relevant documents for consideration by the Expert Committee constituted for this purpose. The guidelines of the Museum Grant Scheme are available on the website of the Ministry at www.indiaculture.gov.in

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4356 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.04.2026 REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN MAHARASHTRA”.

Year-wise details of the Development of Museum under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last five financial years.

S. No.	State	Name of Organization	Type of museum	Type of museum
1.	Maharashtra	Funds & Properties of the Parsi Panchayet Bombay, of Framji Dadabhoy Alpiwalla Museum, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road, Fort, Mumba	Existing	Development of existing museum
2.		Symbiosis Society's for Development of Asian Cultural Museum, Pune	Existing	Development of existing museum

Archaeological Survey of India

S. No.	State	Name of Organization	Type of museum	Type of museum
1.	Maharashtra	Museum on Mahatma Gandhi, Aga Khan Palace, Pune, Maharashtra	Existing	Existing museum
