

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.366
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2017**

DATABASE ON ANTIQUITIES

366 . SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY : SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

- a. whether there is a scheme for developing a national database of all art objects and antiquities available with the museums at national level, State level and in regional and local museums across the country in order to provide enhanced accessibility to scholars, researchers and informed visitors and if so, the details thereof ; and
- b. the funds released by the Government during the last three years under this scheme including Uttar Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

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- a. Ministry of Culture operates "Museum Grant Scheme" under which financial assistance is granted for proposals received from State Governments, Registered Societies, Autonomous Bodies, local bodies, Academic Institutions and Trusts registered as a society under the Indian Societies Act of 1860 (Xxi) for digitization of art objects and making their images/catalogues available on the website for developing a national database in order to provide enhanced accessibility to scholars, researchers and informed visitors.
- b. During the last three years, following funds have been released for digitization of Museum collections in respect of proposals received from various museums:-

	(Rs. in lakhs)
i. 2014-15	28.00
ii. 2015-16	4.59
iii. 2016-17	12.50
iv.	

No proposals have been received from Uttar Pradesh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.