

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

FUNDS UTILISED FOR UPKEEP OF MUSEUMS

450. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds utilised for upkeep of museums over the last 5 years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to improve museum administration in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has considered providing specialised training and overseas trips for museum curators to improve the standards of Indian Museums and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create online repositories of museum collections and if so, the details thereof along with the timeline over which this will be done?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The Ministry of Culture does not allocate funds to States/UTs for upkeep of museums. It is responsible for museums under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture only. The details of the funds allocated over the last five years for their upkeep is at Annexure-A.
- (b) The Government has taken a number of steps to improve museum administration which inter alia include storage management, proper display, facilities for visitors, publicity, capacity building, security etc. This is an ongoing activity.
- (c) Government has taken up capacity building of museum professionals including curators to improve standards of Indian Museums. During the period 2012-2017, a total of 107 museum professionals have been provided specialised training.
- (d) The Ministry of Culture has taken up a project named as JATAN in collaboration with C-DAC, Pune for creating an online digital repository of museum collections on the national portal www.museumsofindia.gov.in for the museums under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture. Digitization and uploading on the portal is a continuous process. Till now, 1,08,881 art objects have been digitized and uploaded on the portal.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 450 DUE FOR 5.2.2018 REGARDING FUNDS UTILISED FOR UPKEEP OF MUSEUMS.

S.No.	Organisation	Financial Year				
		(Rs. in Crore)				
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	National Museum, New Delhi	17.90	21.08	32.29	40.26	35.50
2	National Gallery Modern Art, New Delhi	16.22	17.90	22.35	26.33	35.58
3	Allahabad Museum, Allahabad	5.64	5.51	7.14	8.75	3.94
4	Indian Museum, Kolkata	25.85	11.13	22.41	20.55	9.91
5	Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad	24.15	22.52	24.49	24.00	26.70
6	Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata	10.28	10.42	34.09	47.84	8.75
7	National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata	67.63	67.39	85.71	84.75	77.95