

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1938
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

MODERNISATION OF BAPU MUSEUM

1938. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

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

- (a) whether it is true that funds have been sanctioned for strengthening and modernizing of Bapu Museum in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status and progress of modernization of the above museum;
- (c) whether any fund was sanctioned in 2019-20 & 2020-21 for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture has sanctioned and released fund amounting to Rs. 640.00 lakh (80% of the project cost) under the Museum Grant Scheme for strengthening and modernization/development of Bapu Museum in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

The Museum displays antiquities belonging upto 19th C.A.D include Pre proto and early Historical objects, potteries, coins, inscriptions, textiles, paintings, Bidri & celadon ware etc. in 7 galleries. It has also implemented advanced digital interactive display technologies in the museum like Immersive Projection Theatre, Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR) etc.

The Museum has been completed and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 1st October, 2020.

- (c) to (d): The details of fund released under Museum Grant Scheme to Bapu Museum in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh for modernization of museum are as under :

F.Y.	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2017-18	320.00 (1 st installment)
2019-20	160.00 (2 nd installment)
2020-21	160.00 (3 rd and final installment)
Total	640.00