

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1002

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021
AUDIO GUIDANCE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

1002. Shri Gautam Gambhir:

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

- (a) whether many museums in the country do not have audio guidance available for the visually impaired;
- (b) whether the Government is working on any plan to have the requisite audio guidance system in place; and
- (c) if so, the details, thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) to (c) National Museum, Delhi, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai, Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, Allahabad Museum, Prayagraj, Indian Museum, Kolkata, Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata and National Council of Science Museums are under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture. At present, National Museum, New Delhi and Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad have audio guidance available for the visually impaired. The Museums under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture are working on a plan to launch an app based audio-visual guide tours for all, including visually impaired. Apart from this, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has decided to develop a multilingual mobile app based audio guide, which can be downloaded by all including visually impaired, to get the information about the centre/exhibition/facilities etc. of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)/Science Centre.