

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/03/2026

“MODERNIZATION OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES”

† 2635. SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes implemented/being implemented to modernize National/State-level museums and archives in the country;
- (b) the details of the expenditure incurred under the said schemes so far;
- (c) whether digitalization work is being carried out in the said museums; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to increase public access?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of New Museums/development of the existing museums/digitization of museum collections/setting up of virtual museums and training of museums professionals of museums managed by Central/State Governments, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Public sector Undertaking, local bodies, Academic Institutions and Trusts registered under the societies Act at the regional, State and District Level in the country.

Details of the Scheme guidelines are available at the official website of the Ministry of Culture:- <http://www.indiaculture.gov.in>.

- (b) The details of the expenditure incurred under the Museum Grant Scheme during last three financial years are as under :

(Rs. in Cr.)

S. no.	Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Expenditure
1.	2022-23	32.23	20.03
2.	2023-24	45.40	6.76
3.	2024-25	20.00	19.58

- (c) Yes, the details of the museums given financial assistance for digitization under Museum Grant Scheme are at **Annexure-I**.
- (d) Ministry of Culture has a web portal for creating digital repository of the collections of Museums. The details of the collections of museums along with their image are available on the following link; <https://museumsofindia.gov.in/repository>

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2635 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.03.2026 REGARDING “MODERNIZATION OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES”.

Details of the Museums provided financial assistance for digitization of museum collection under Museum Grant Scheme during the last three years.

Sl. No.	State	Name and Address of Museum/State
1	Karnataka	Basava Samithi, Basava Bhavana, Sri Basaveshwara Road, Bengaluru-560001