

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSEUMS
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up National Commission on Museums to review the current status of museums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have revised financial assistance scheme for regional and local museums;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds provided through this scheme to the museums during the last three years; and
- (e) the measures adopted to strengthen the network of local and regional museums?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) to (e) : The scheme was revised during the year 1999, and in the revised scheme, museums under the State Government, were made eligible for financial assistance. From the year 2002-03, University and College Museums will also be made eligible for assistance under the scheme. Under this scheme, the funds sanctioned during the last three years for (i) renovation/repairs/extension/modernisation of galleries; (ii) publication; (iii) conservation laboratory; (iv) museum library; (v) purchase of equipment; and (vi) documentation is as under:

Year Amount Sanctioned

1999-2000 164.30 lakhs
2000-2001 136.27 lakhs
2001-2002 298.96 lakhs