

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ART MUSEUMS .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of the art museums in the country, State-wise;
- (b) Whether the conditions of some of the art museums are not good;
- (c) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the conditions of these museums?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d): The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi with its functional branch at Mumbai is the major Art Gallery and Museum under the Ministry of Culture. In addition there are other Museums i.e. National Museum, New Delhi; Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad; Indian Museum, Kolkata; Allahabad Museum, Allahabad; Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata under the Ministry of Culture, which also have Art collections. These Museums are maintained through regular budgetary support from the Government of India. The Ministry also provides financial assistance to Museums under the State Governments & those maintained by NGOs, Trusts etc. under the scheme of "Promotion & Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums".