

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3261  
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UPGRADATION OF MUSEUMS .  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government provides financial assistance for the development of museums under the scheme for promotion and strengthening of regional and local museums in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The number of applications received for financial assistance from Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years;
- (d) The number of applications considered and remain pending during the said period alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) The time by which pending applications are likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE ( SMT. AMBIKA SONI )

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Under this scheme, financial assistance is given for professional development of museums for promotion of antiquities, numismatics, paintings, ethnological collection, folk art etc., managed by voluntary organizations, institutions, societies, trusts, local bodies, etc., including universities & colleges, registered under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860 (XXI) or under any other law for the time being in force as well as those managed by the State Government. The Central grant is limited to 80% of the project cost (90% in case of North-Eastern region) or the following amount in each category whichever is lower: