

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:328

ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006

DEVELOPMENT 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 of museums;
- (b) if so, the criteria prescribed in this regard;
- (c) the number of applications received in this regard during each of the last two years and the current year so far ;
- (d) the details of financial assistance sanctioned and released during the above period ; and
- (e) the time by which pending applications are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 328 ASKED BY SHRIMATI (SAW.) KALPANA RAMESH NARHIRE & SHRI SRICHAND KRIPLANI M.Ps REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF MUSEUMS" FOR REPLY ON 14th DECEMBER, 2006.

- (a) Yes, Sir. Financial Assistance is provided under the scheme "Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums".
- (b) While considering the proposal under the scheme inter alia the nature of the organisation, characteristic of the museums including the period of its existence and the purpose for which assistance is sought are taken into consideration.
- (c) The number of applications received during the last two years and the current year, so far, are as under:

Sl.No	Year	No. of Applications Received
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1	2004-2005	259
2.	2005-2006	92
3.	2006-2007	91

(d) Details of financial assistance sanctioned and released during the above period are as under:

Sl.No.	Year	No. of cases	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
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1	2004-2005	36	421.01	315.76
2.	2005-2006	30	586.52	379.91
3.	2006-2007	8	162.22	121.67

(e) The Expert Committee constituted for the scheme has considered and taken a decision on all the eligible applications received till the date of its last meeting held on 24.11.2006.