

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRIBAL HERITAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to protect and preserve archaeological tribal heritage, the fort constructed during the period of Rani Durgawati in Jabalpur, the birth place of Rani Durgawati, Ramnagar fort and artifacts;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up tribal Museums in Bhopal and Delhi to promote the tribal culture and to give patronage to the tribal artists and also to provide employment to them; and
- (c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

a) The fort constructed during the period of Rani Durgawati in Jabalpur, the birth place of Rani Durgawati, Ramnagar fort, etc. are not centrally protected monuments. However, the Madan Mahal Fort built by Raja Madan Singh, a Gond Ruler in 1100 A.D. is a protected monument under the control of Archaeological Survey of India. This is also associated with Rani Durgawati, who ruled over the area from 1549 to 1564.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Research & Training : Grant-in-aid to Tribal Research Institutes` releases funds to the Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) on 50:50 matching share basis, based on the proposal submitted by the State Governments for research and training activities; evaluation studies; publication; library etc. and for setting up and maintenance of tribal museums. Setting up of Tribal Museum is one of the activities of the TRIs to preserve, develop and exhibit the tribal arts material culture.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has been provided with funds for setting up of Tribal Museum at Bhopal under the above scheme. There is no proposal to set up Tribal Museum at Delhi.

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) under the Ministry of Culture has also been established at Bhopal to promote the tribal culture and patronize the tribal artists from the different states.