

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL TRIBAL MUSEUM  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of National Tribal Museum functioning in the country, State-wise, particularly in Delhi; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to preserve the Tribal culture and traditions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) : This Ministry has not set up National Tribal Museum in any State/UT, or in Delhi, under any of its schemes. However, under its Centrally Sponsored Scheme " Research & Training: Grants-in-aid to Tribal Research Institutes", this Ministry has provided funds to seventeen Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) set up so far by various State/UT Governments, for a number of activities including, setting up of a tribal museum for preserving and exhibiting tribal arts and material culture .

(b) : Besides giving support to the activities taken up by the TRIs for research and training, documentation of tribal culture, languages and traditions, and showcasing tribal life through their museums, this Ministry has also produced a number of films on tribal communities which inter-alia documents their unique culture and traditions. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also works together with the Ministry of Culture to preserve tribal culture and traditions in different ways.