

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2319
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/08/2026

“GRANTS TO MUSEUMS”

2319. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of *CULTURE* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of grants-in-aid allocated, released and utilised for the establishment, modernization, conservation and maintenance of museums across the country during the last five years, year and State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of museums in Kerala that have received financial assistance from the Government during the said period, along with the amount sanctioned and released, museum-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals for financial assistance to museums in Kerala are pending with the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the criteria adopted by the Government for sanctioning grants to museums; and
- (e) the details of the measures taken/to be taken by the Government to strengthen museums as centres for preserving India's cultural and historical heritage, particularly in States with significant historical importance such as Kerala?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) and (b) The details of grants-in-aid sanctioned, released and utilised for setting up of New Museums/development of the existing museums/digitisation of museum collections under Museum Grant Scheme during the last five years in the States/UT-wise are at **Annexure-I**
- (c) The details of proposals received in state of Kerala alongwith current status are at **Annexure-II**

- (d) Grant-in-aid is given on the basis of the category of the proposal submitted as per Museum Grant Scheme. The details of the grant-in-aid as per category/component is given as under:

Component wise funding pattern as per the existing guidelines of museum Grant Scheme are as under:-

Component (A):

Purpose	Maximum Amount of financial assistance (Rs. In Crores)
Category I	15
Category II	
Setting up of New Museums	10
Development of Existing Museums	8
Category III	
Setting up of New Museums	5
Development of Existing Museums	4

Component (B)

Maximum Amount of financial assistance (Rs. in Lakhs)	
Category I: Government -owned State/Capital level museums including museums of PSU	50.00
Category II: All Other Museum	25.00

Component (C)

Maximum Amount of financial assistance (Rs. in Lakhs)	
Category I: All Museum under Central and State Government.	50.00
Category II: All Other Museum	25.00

- (e) Ministry of Culture operates Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up of New Museums/development of the existing museums/digitization of museum collections/setting up of virtual museums and training of museums professionals of museums managed by Central/State Governments, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Public

sector Undertaking, local bodies, Academic Institutions and Trusts registered under the societies Act at the regional, State and District Level in the country including Kerala.

Further, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes preservation, upgradation and modernization of its site museums from time to time, subject to availability of resources. The measures include modernization of galleries, improvement of museum infrastructure, digitization of collections, adoption of digital technologies for interpretation and visitor engagement, preventive conservation of antiquities, and augmentation of visitor facilities. A battery-operated stair-lift has also been installed at Mattancherry Palace Museum, Kochi, Ernakulam District, Kerala, to improve accessibility for visitors.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2319 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING “GRANT TO MUSEUMS”.

Year-wise details of the fund sanctioned, released and utilized under the Museum Grant Scheme during the last five financial years.

(Rs. in lakhs)											
S. No.	State	Name of Organization	Type of Org.	Type of museum	Sanctioned amount	FY: 2021-22	FY: 2022-23	FY: 2023-24	FY: 2024-25	FY: 2025-26	Utilized fund
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Government of Andhra Pradesh, Padamshree Kalluri Subbarao Memorial District Archaeological Museum Anantpur	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	572.00	-	-	286.00	-		572.00
2.		Science City of Andhra Pradesh, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Kailasgiri (Dovari Konda), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	375.20	-	58.467	-	-	129.13	150.395
3.		Archaeology and Museum, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Rallabandi Subba Rao Archaeology East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	400.00	-	140.043	-	-	59.956	200.00
4.		Depart. Of Archaeology and Museum for Development of Andhra Sahitya Parishath Got. Museum, Kakinada Town, Andhra Pradesh	State Govt	Development of existing museum	800.00	-	-	-	-	400.00	-
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	Dept. of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, District Museum, Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	720.00	-	-	-	21.698	338.301	360.00
6.	Goa	Museum of Christian Art, Goa, Annex Convent of Santa Monica, Old Goa	NGO	Development of existing museum	400.00	-	-	-	-		300.00
7.	Gujarat	Rajkot Rajya Foundation, Ranjit Villas Palace, Palace Road, Rajkot, Gujarat	NGO	Setting of New Museum	500.00	-	125.00	125.00	-		500.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh b	Dept. of Language and Culture Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Bantony Castle, Shimla HP	State Govt.	Development of museum	667.752	-	-	-	-	333.876	338.76
9.	Haryana	NSG Wives Welfare Association (NWYA), Manesar, Gurgaon	NGO	Development of existing museum	125.688	27.734	-	-	-		90.578

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10.	Karnataka	Shivappa Nayaka Museum & Research Bureau, Sri Bekkiinakalmatha, Shivamogga Karnataka	NGO	Setting of New Museum	300.00	-	75.00	-	-		225.00
11.	Kerala	GALAXY, Karaunasai Road, Velland, P.O Trivandrum, Thiruvananthapuram	NGO	Setting of New Museum	200.00	50.00	-	-	-		200.00
12.	Leh Ladhak	Deskid Cultural and Welfare Society, Deskid, Gonpa, Ladhak	NGO	Setting of New Museum	435.04	-	108.76	-	-	87.01	413.29
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Gujari Mahal Museum, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (Govt. of MP)	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	156.00	78.00	-	-	-		156.00
14.		Local Archaeological Museum, Sironj, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh Heritage Development Trust, Archaeology, Archives and Museum, Banganga Road, Bhopal	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	152.80	-	22.90	-	-	53.48	122.24
15.		Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh	University	Development of existing museum	500.00	-	-	-	250.00	-	66.00
16.		Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Jahagirbad, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh for Setting up of a Museum of Music in the South Wing of the Moti Mahal Complex, Gwalior	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	1000.00	-	-	-	-	500.00	2.26
17.		Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Jahagirbad, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh for Modernization/Development of the City Museum, Moti Mahal, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	1500.00	-	-	-	-	750.00	750.00
18.		Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums (DAAM), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal for development of State Museum of M.P., Bhopal	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	393.21	-	-	-	-	98.30	294.90
19.	Maharashtra	Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay, of Framji Dadabhoy Alpiwalla Museum, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road, Fort, Mumba	NGO	Development of existing museum	400.00	35.52	-	64.48	100.00	-	400.00
20.		Symbiosis Society's for Development of Asian Cultural Museum, Pune	NGO	Development of existing	35.615	-	17.807	8.90	8.90	-	35.615

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21.	Manipur	State Archaeology, Govt. of Manipur Imphal, Manipur for establishment of 03 museums/Galleries inside kangla Fort, Imphal, Manipur	State Govt.	Establishment of Galleries	435.51	-	-	108.87	-	-	326.632
22.		Khongjom War Memorial Trust Khongjom Bazar, Opposite Khongjom Police Station, Thoubal District, Manipur	NGO	Setting of New Museum	500.00	-	-	125.00	-	-	375.00
23.		Anallon Christian Development Committee (ACDC), Chandel, Manipur		Setting of New Museum	449.166	-	-	224.58	-	112.291	336.87
24.	Mizoram	District Museum, Lunglei, Director Art & Culture Department, Chanmari, Aizwal	NGO	Setting of New Museum	827.217	206.80	-	206.807	-		827.217
25.		Tribal Museum, Kamalnagar, Dist. Lawngtlai, Autonomous District Council, Kamalnagar, Mizoram Mizoram	Autonomous Bodies	Setting of New Museum	450.00	-	-	-	-	225.00	106.11
26.		Department of Art and Culture, Govt. of Mizoram for Setting up of a Regional Museum at Siaha	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	901.305	-	-	-	-	450.652	450.652
27.		Directorate of Art and Culture, Kohima, Nagaland for setting up of Chesore Museum in Tuesang Town Nagaland	State Govt	Setting of New Museum	937.265	-	-	-	-	222.604	923.03
28.	Nagaland	Naga Traditional Museum, Khel, Kohima Village, Kohima,	NGO	Setting of New Museum	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
29.	Odisha	J. D Centre Of Art, VIP Colony, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar	NGO	Setting of New Museum	621.60	-	-	35.352	57.887	-	497.28
30.	Punjab	Punjab State Civil Aviation Council, Patiala Civil Aerodrome, Sangrur Road, Patiala, Punjab	Govt. organization	Setting of New Museum	500.00	250.00	-	-	-	-	-
31.	Rajasthan	Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap Samiti, Udaipur, Rajasthan	NGO	Setting of New Museum	500.00	112.50	-	-	-	-	476.28
32.		Shri Girdhar Smarak Dharmarth Nyas Trust, (Shri Girdhar Smarak Trust) Kings Palace,		Setting of New Museum	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	250.00

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		Jaisalmer Fort Palace Museum, Jaisalmer									
33.		Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum, City Palace, Jaipur Rajasthan		Development of existing museum	400.00	-	-	1.00	-	199.00	199.94
34.	Tamil-Nadu	High Court of Madras, George Town, Chennai	High Court	Development of existing museum	76.00	19.00	-	-	-	-	76.00
35.		Govt. Museum, Thirugokarnam, Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	320.00	-	-	-	-	80.00	240.00
36.		Government Museum St. Mark Road, Samathanapuram Palayamkottai, Dist. Tirunelveli		Development of existing museum	181.144	-	-	-	-	45.286	135.858
37.		Government Museum Trichy, Rani Managammal Palace, Dist. Tiruchirapalli		Development of existing museum	299.94	-	-	-	-	74.985	224.95
38.		Government Museum Ooty, Stone House, Dist. Udthagamandalam		Development of existing museum	92.00	-	-	-	-	23.00	69.00
39.	Telangana	Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad, Telangana	Autonomous body of MoC	Virtual Experiential Museum	33.00	-	-	33.00	-	-	18.466
40.	Tripura	Maharaja Brendra Kishore Manikya museum & Kunjaban Palace Complex, Tripura Tourism Development Corporation, Agartala	State Govt.	Development of existing museum	1000.00	500.00	-	-	-	-	-
41.	Uttar Pradesh	Shahjahanpur Freedom Fighters Museum, Office of Cantonment Board, Carriappa, Shahjahanpur	Govt. organization	Setting of New Museum	400.144	100.036	-	-	-	-	399.688
42.		Allahabad High Court, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh	High Court	Development of existing museum	20.976	-	-	10.488	-	5.243	15.731
43.		India Literacy board, Literacy House, Kanpur Pur Road, Lucknow	NGO	Development of existing museum	500.00	250.00	-	-	-	125.00	374.93
44.		VRI Braj Culture Museum, Vrindavan Research Institute. Raman Reti Marg, Vrindavan, Mathura. U.P.	NGO	Development of existing museum	340.304	-	-	-	170.52	152.774	323.294

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45.		Directorate of Museum, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for Establishment of Sant Ravidas Museum at Seer Goverdhanpur, Varanasi, up	State Govt.	Setting of New Museum	1000.00	-	-	-	-	500.00	500.00
46.		Department of Tourism, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow Uttar Pradesh for Development of Digital Ramayana Gallery (Digital Intervention) at International Ram Katha Museum and art Gallery, Ayodhya UP	State Govt	Development of existing museum	800.00	-	-	-	-	360.00	760.00
47.	Uttarakhand	Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	Institute	Development of existing museum	323.20	39.665	-	-	-	-	271.459
48.	West Bengal	Directorate General Border Security Force (BSF) (Eastern Command), Kolkata	Govt.	Setting of New Museum	648.71	324.35	-	154.839	-	7.335	479.189
49.	Delhi	International Society for Krishna Consciousness, East of Kailash (ISKCON), New Delhi	NGO	Development of existing museum	400.00	-	200.00	-	-	180.00	380.00

Year-wise details of the fund released under the **Museum Grant Scheme - Digitization of Museum Collection** during the last five financial years.

(Rs. in lakhs)

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1.	Karnataka	Basava Samithi, Basava Bhavana, Sri Basaveshwara Road, Bengaluru-560001	NGO	25.00	-	12.50	-	-	12.50	25.00

Annexure-II

REFERRED IN PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2319 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING “GRANT TO MUSEUMS”.

The details of proposals received in state of Kerala with current status:

Sr. no.	State	Name of Department/ Organization	Type of museum	Remark/Status
1.	Kerala	Gandhi Seva Sadan Kathakali & Classic Academy, Gandhi Seva Sadan P.O., Perur, Pathiripala, Palakkad	Setting up of New Museum at Gandhi Seva Sadan Kathakali & Classic Academy	The proposal received in the Ministry. Some deficiencies were observed related to the proposal which were sent to organization on 30.4.2024 for rectification, but, no reply has been received.
2.		Department of Archaeology, Government of Kerala	Development of Existing Museum Krishnapuram Palace Museum, Kayamkulam	The proposal has been received in the Ministry
3.		Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, Kerala	Setting up of New museum of Kerala Niyamasabha Museum (Kerala Legislature Museum)	The proposal has been received in the Ministry.
4.		Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, Pooja Behind Marthoma Church Cherukunnam, P.O, Varkala	Setting up of New National Museum for performing, Arts at Varkala, Trivandrum	The proposal received in the Ministry. Some deficiencies were observed related to the proposal which were sent to organization on 11.07.2024 but no reply has been received.
5.		The Art Outreach Society (TAOS), Kochi, Kerala	Setting up of New museum in K. B. Jacob Road, Fort Kochi, Kerala	The proposal received in the Ministry. Some deficiencies were observed related to the proposal which were sent to organization on 15.12.2025 but no reply has been received.
6.		Aranmula Heritage Trust, Aranmula PO, Pathanamthitta	Setting up of New museum	The proposal has been received in the Ministry
7.		The Better Art Foundation, PhotoMuse, Mattathur P.O., Moonnumuri, Via Kodakara, Thrissur District	Setting up of New museum PhotoMuse (The Photography Museum)	The Project proposes was placed in 30th Expert Committee Meeting constituted under Museum Grant Scheme Although it was not accepted by the Expert Committee in the meeting.
