

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2733
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2024

“MODERNIZATION OF MUSEUMS IN MAHARASHTRA”

2733. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to modernize museums in Maharashtra, including the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence and virtual reality for an enhanced visitor experience;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for implementing these upgrades;
- (c) whether funds are being allocated for modernizing the Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum in Pune and establishing a new virtual museum to showcase its rich collection; and
- (d) if so, the proposed budget, timeline and rationale for prioritizing this initiative and whether challenges have been identified for its implementation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) and (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Ministry of Culture gave grant-in-aid to Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum in Pune as per details given in the **Annexure-I**. There is no proposal to establish a new virtual museum.
- (d) In view of reply given at (c) above, question does not arise.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2733 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING “MODERNIZATION OF MUSEUMS IN MAHARASHTRA”.

Details of the funds released to Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Pune, Maharashtra.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Name and Address of Museum/Organization	Approved Project Cost	1 st Installment	Financial Year	2 nd and final installment	Financial Year	Total Amount Sanctioned
1.	Maharashtra	Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, Kamal Kunj, Bajirao Rd, Natu Baag, Shukrawar Peth, Pune, Maharashtra	7.50	6.75	2001-02	0.75	2003-04	7.50
2.			8.80	6.60	2006-07	2.20	2008-09	8.80
3.			6.00	4.50	2003-04	1.50	2005-06	6.00