

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)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name and Address of Museum/Organization</b>	<b>Approved Project Cost</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Installment</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> and final installment</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total Amount Sanctioned</b>
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