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## VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

(भारत सरकार के संस्कृति मंत्रालय के प्रशासनिक नियंत्रण के तहत एक स्वायत्त संगठन)

(An autonomous organisation under the administrative control of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)

V. M. No. 1642/XV-141/2005 (Part IV)

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Sub: Information under RTI Act, 2005.

Sir,

With reference to your application dated 08.08.2018 on the subject stated above, the information sought under RTI Act, 2005 in respect of Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata are given below:-

| S. No | Question   | Reply   |
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| 1.    | Who has the current ownership of Victoria Memorial Hall  | VMH, Kolkata is an autonomous organisation under the Administrative control of the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.   |
| 2.    | What is the Governing body for Victoria Memorial Hall & who are its members  | The Trustees of the Victoria Memorial Hall is the Governing body for Victoria Memorial Hall. The Trustees consist of 14 members as per Victoria Memorial (Amendment) Act, 1981. (The relevant page of the Act is enclosed). |
| 3.    | Presently, is there any liability of any manner with the past or current British Government at London or with the Royal family of England concerning the monument. | There is no liability of any manner in this regard.   |
| 4.    | What authority does the West Bengal state government has on the monument.  | Nothing has been mentioned in the V.M. (Amendment) Act, 1981 in this regard.  |

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
CPIO & Administrative Officer

Encl: As stated

# Victoria Memorial (Amendment) Act, 1981

*Act.*

To amend the Victoria Memorial Act, 1903.

Be it enacted Parliament in the Thirtieth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

1. This Act may be called the Victoria Memorial (Amendment) Act 1981. Short title
2. In the Victoria Memorial Act, 1903 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in Amendment of Section 2.  
Section 2 –
  - (i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely: -

“(1) The Trustees of the Victoria Memorial (hereinafter called the Trustees) shall be the following, namely: -

    - (a) the Governor of West Bengal, ex-officio Chairmen;
    - (b) the Chief Justice of the High Court of West Bengal, ex-officio;
    - (c) three persons to be nominated by the Central Government, one of whom shall be a representative of commerce and industry chosen in consultation with the State Government of West Bengal and two others chosen from among persons who, in the opinion of the Central Government, have expert knowledge of the exhibits in the Victoria Memorial or are museologists, historians or art historians.
    - (d) a representative of the Central Government in the Ministry concerned with matters relating to the Victoria Memorial ex-officio;
    - (e) a representative of the Central Government in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, concerned with matters relating of the Victoria Memorial, ex-officio;
    - (f) the Mayor of the Corporation of Calcutta and where the Corporation of Calcutta is superseded, the Administrator of that Corporation, ex-officio;
    - (g) an officer, not below the rank of the Accountant General, nominated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, ex-officio;
    - (h) the Secretary to the Government of West Bengal in the Department of Education, ex-officio;
    - (i) four persons (of whom one at least shall be from the general body of subscribers), to be nominated by the Trustees from among persons, who, in the opinion of the Trustees, have expert knowledge of the exhibits in the Victoria