

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

**SCHOLARSHIP SCAM IN CCRT**

**2920. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a scholarship scam in Centre for Culture Resources and Training (CCRT) which runs into lakhs of rupees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether any culprit was caught; and
- (c) if so, the action taken on the culprit and how CCRT is going to release scholarship to those budding artists who have suffered due to this?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE &  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**ANSWER**

(a)to(c): A case of misappropriation of funds in Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture had come to light, while releasing scholarship amounts, through ECS/NEFT/RTGS, to certain scholarship holders under the Cultural Talent Search Scholarship (CTSS) Scheme, for children aged between 10-14 years.

Cases of non-payment in about 325 cases involving approximately Rs. 51 lakhs has come to light, so far.

As per the directions of the Ministry of Culture, CCRT reported the matter to the Delhi Police Authorities, including their Cyber Crime Cell (Economic Offenses Wing), in September 2017, for thorough investigation in the matter.

CCRT has taken necessary steps to get the bank accounts of all the unlawful beneficiaries frozen.

The process of working out the modalities for release of scholarship amounts to actual beneficiaries is in progress.

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