**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 185**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2021**

**PROMOTING VISUAL ARTS PERFORMANCE**

**185(H) Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has entrusted any institution and agency with the task of promoting visual arts performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has allocated any funds for setting up of visual arts institutions; and

(d) whether Government is planning to set up cultural institutions in the field of visual arts, if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

**(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)**

**ANSWER**

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. The task of promoting visual arts performance has been taken by the Government of India through its various organizations like Lalit Kala Akademi, Kalakshetra Foundation, Centre for Cultural Resources and Training etc.

Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Government of India, provides the Studio facility to the artist which helps the artist to grow the skill and to become more efficient & professional in their field. Scholarship facility is also provided by the Lalit Kala Akademi.

The Regional Centres of Lalit Kala Akademi provides the space facility and other necessary facility to the Scholars awarded Lalit Kala Akademi-Scholarship from time to time. These facilities helps them to improve their skills and performance in their field. These Centres provide working facilities to the visual art artists of Painting, Graphic, Ceramic and Sculpture disciplines.

The Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA) of Kalakshetra Foundation (KF) (autonomous body under M/o Culture, Government of India), is conducting 4 years diploma course in Visual Arts under the Visual Arts Department. The Diploma in Visual Arts course conducted by the Kalakshetra Foundation is recognized by the Tamilnadu Music and Fine Arts University and few other universities as equivalent to 4 years degree course in Visual arts and also eligible for admission in PG courses.

The 4 years diploma in Visual Arts course under the visual Arts Department of the Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts has eight semesters in four years.

Kalakshetra Foundation is also conducting a part time course in Visual arts viz. "Pratama" of 6 years duration.

Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) being an autonomous organization under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, working in the field of linking education with culture by way of providing culture based methodology training to teachers, teacher educators and cultural administrators across the country as well as also by implementing scholarship and fellowship schemes for preservation and promotion of diverse, varied and rich Indian cultural heritage which is being manifested through various performing literary and visual art forms, which also includes promoting visual art performance as well.

The details of scholarship and fellowship schemes are as follows:

- Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme (10-14 Years)
- Scheme for "Award of Scholarships to Young Artistes (SYA) in Different Cultural Fields"(18-25 Years):
- Fellowship Scheme for the Award of Fellowships to outstanding persons in the Field of Culture.

(c) Yes, sir. All the organizations/institutions, as mentioned above, are being funded through Grant In-aid by the Government of India.

(d) Apart from the above mentioned cultural institutions already been set up, Government of India as & when need arises and resources permit set up various organizations/schemes/missions for development of various arts.

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