

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF CULTURAL CENTRES

2576 # SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up/proposes to set up various cultural centres for awareness among people about the prosperous cultural heritage of our country and if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof, including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to develop more such centres to encourage traditional art, craft and culture in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) To protect, preserve and promote various forms of folk art & culture throughout the country and for creating awareness among people about cultural heritage of our country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. Each State of India is a member of one or more ZCCs. Uttar Pradesh is the member State of North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on a regular basis throughout the year in their member States for which they are provided annual grant-in-aid by the Ministry.

Details of grant-in-aid released to ZCCs during the last 3 years and the current year are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2019-20	5732.95
ii.	2020-21	4009.38
iii.	2021-22	5881.48
iv.	2022-23 (as on date)	5810.00

No State/UT-wise funds are released by this Ministry.

Since these ZCCs were established long ago to cater to the cultural needs of all the States/UTs in the country including Uttar Pradesh, there is no proposal as yet under consideration of the Government of India for development of more such centres in the country.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to Part (a) above.
