

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.12
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

SCHOLARSHIP TO CHILDREN/STUDENTS BY CCRT

12. Dr. M. Thambidurai:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government, through Centre for Cultural Training and Research (CCRT), encourages young children to develop cultural activities by way of singing, dancing and other forms of arts;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether CCRT gives scholarships to such children/students who excel in respective sphere of art forms;
- d) if so, the details thereof;
- e) whether Government proposes to increase the number of scholarships and also the amount of scholarships ; and
- f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a), (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) is implementing Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme (CTSSS) since 1982 at National level. The Scheme is aimed at providing facilities to outstanding talented children selected in the age group of 10 to 14 years studying either in specialized schools or belonging to families practicing traditional performing arts for getting specialized training in various cultural fields such as traditional forms of music, dance, drama as well as painting, sculpture, crafts and literary activities.

650 new scholarships are awarded every year. The scholarship is initially awarded for two years and is renewable up to the age of 20 years, subject to the awardees

maintaining good progress. The value of scholarship is Rs.3600/- per year for the scholarship holder, in addition to reimbursement of the actual tuition fee paid to the Guru/Teacher, up to a ceiling of Rs.9000/- per year. CCRT provides Scholarship to such children/students who excel in respective sphere of art form.

(d) The number of scholarships awarded in last 05 years under CTSS Scheme are around 2788.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir As per the 51st Meeting of Finance Committee of CCRT, the Committee in principle approved the enhancement of Scholarship amount and Tuition Fees reimbursed under Cultural Talent Search Scholarship (CTSS) Scheme from Rs. 300/- to Rs.500/- and Rs. 750/- to Rs. 1000/- respectively. Total number of scholarships are not proposed to be increased.
