

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2458**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**PROMOTION OF FOLK CULTURE AND ARTS**

2458. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any schemes for promoting folk culture and arts of India, including Punjab, through global engagement schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) steps taken by Government during the last three years to promote folk arts and culture of India; and
- (d) budgetary provisions and expenditure for the above purpose during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Culture promotes Indian Folk Arts and Culture abroad through Global Engagement Scheme including the state of Punjab. Under the Scheme, Festivals of India are organized in other countries showcasing folk art and other cultural events as exhibitions, dance, music, theatre, food fest, film fest, yoga etc. Under this scheme, Ministry of Culture also gives Grant-in-aid to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies for organizing programmes and activities including folk art and other cultural activities for their promotion abroad.

(c) Festival of India has been organized in one country during the last three years. The Number of Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies to whom Grant in aid has been given during the last three year areas under:

Financial Year	No. of Societies
2020-21	95
2021-22	261
2022-23	229

(d) Budgetary provisions and expenditure for the above purpose during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Budget Allocated (in Rs. crore)	Actual Sanctioned Amount (in Rs. crore)
2020-21	5.66	5.64
2021-22	8.01	8.01
2022-23	10.88	10.63