

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.506
ANSWERED ON 07/12/2023

NATIONAL CULTURE FUND SCHEME IN ODISHA

506. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of funds spent in the State of Odisha since the inception of the National Culture Fund (NCF) Scheme;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated to various Institutions/Departments during the last five years, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has chalked out any plan to increase the funds allocation to NCF through donations and contributions from PSUs, banks and profit making private companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

a) The quantum of funds spent in the State of Odisha since the inception of the National Culture Fund (NCF) Scheme is Rs 56 Crore.

b) The details of quantum of funds allocated to various Institutions/ Departments during the last five years and the district wise details are at **Annexure – I**.

(c)& (d): Government has set up National Culture Fund (NCF) as a Trust on 28th November,1996 under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890 with a view to mobilize extra resources through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) towards promoting, protecting and preserving India's cultural heritage. Such resources are to be mobilized through donation and contributions from PSUs, bank and profit making private companies.

Further, Cultural activities like "Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts" are covered under Schedule VII No. (v) of the Companies Act, 2013 as valid receptacle of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions. Such initiatives make contributions through NCF more attractive/ engaging endeavour for promotion of cultural heritage of India.

Annexure – I

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 506 for reply on 07.12.2023 regarding National Culture Fund (NCF) scheme in Odisha

| S. No. | Name of Institution/ Department | Project Name | District | Allocated Funds (Rs In Crores) | | | | |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|----------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
| 1 | Indian oil Foundation | Tourist infrastructure facilities at Sun Temple, Konark Odisha | Puri | 17.06 | 10.44 | 3.87 | - | - |
| 2 | IIFCL | Installation and Commissioning of turnstile at Sun Temple, Konark, Odisha | Puri | 0.29 | - | - | 0.05 | 0.06 |
| | | | Total | 17.35 | 10.44 | 3.87 | 0.05 | 0.06 |