

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYASABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-355**  
ANSWERED ON-28/11/2024

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SOUTH INDIAN KUMBH MELA**

355. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government has any plans to allocate funds for the South Indian Kumbh Mela Mahamaham Festival in Kumbakonam and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a)& (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at this moment. However, to protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. Annual grant-in-aid is released to these seven ZCCs for organizing various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis in their member States.

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