

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING

1313 Shri Debashish Samantaray:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has documented oral traditions and tribal folklore;
- (b) the projects sanctioned under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping;
- (c) the number of artists and folk groups who have received support during COVID-19;
- (d) the status of renovation of museums under the Museum Grant Scheme; and
- (e) any steps taken to promote culture tourism among youth?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir. Under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM), efforts have been made to identify, map, and document artists and art forms at the grassroots level, including oral traditions and tribal folklore. In addition, the Sangeet Natak Akademi has a scheme titled “Survey, Research, Documentation, Dissemination & Publication” aimed at preserving recordings of various art forms for research and dissemination purposes. Under this scheme, the Akademi has documented numerous folk and tribal art forms across the country.

(b) Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar (MGMD) (<https://mgmd.gov.in/>) is the project sanctioned under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM).

(c) Through the schemes ‘Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)’ and ‘Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence (including R.K. Mission)’, a number of organizations, including folk groups, have received financial support since the COVID-19 period. The details are provided in the Annexure-I.

(d) The status of renovation/Development of museums under the Museum Grant Scheme is as under:

S.No.	Total no. of Projects related to Development of existing Museums	Completed Projects	Ongoing Projects
1.	25	10	15

(e) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has taken steps to promote cultural tourism among youth by encouraging their participation in cultural events and exposure to traditional art forms. The Sangeet Natak Akademi organizes 'Lok Pratibha'—a festival dedicated to young artists with a focus on India's narrative and traditional arts. Such initiatives help connect youth with the country's rich cultural heritage and promote cultural tourism.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1313 asked on 31st July, 2025 regarding 'National Cultural Mapping Mission'

The number of organizations supported including folk groups who have received financial support since COVID-19 :

Year	Particulars	Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence (including R.K. Mission)
2020-21	Number of Beneficiaries	530	6
	Amount (Rs. In Cr.)	34.8	9.03
2021-22	Number of Beneficiaries	573	6
	Amount (Rs. In Cr.)	42.48	7.58
2022-23	Number of Beneficiaries	1213	15
	Amount (Rs. In Cr.)	86.22	11.6
2023-24	Number of Beneficiaries	1505	24
	Amount (Rs. In Cr.)	77.95	12.58
2024-25	Number of Beneficiaries	1418	28
	Amount (Rs. In Cr.)	84.03	11.82