

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO JHARKHAND

509. Smt. Mahua Maji:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether central assistance have been provided for cultural programmes in Jharkhand through the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Sahitya Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Central Government is providing assistance to youth theatre and cultural performance groups in that State and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes Sir, The Ministry of Culture through its Akademies, under various schemes, provides grants-in-aid for promotion, research, documentation, and publishing of the performing arts.

The Akademies also organise National/Regional level art events of various art forms of India including artists from Jharkhand and also promotes via cultural programmes and publications which become a mile stone in preservation and promotion of the cultural diversity and cultural heritage of India.

The funds disbursed for promotion and preservation of art and culture in the state of Jharkhand under various schemes is enclosed in **Annexure**.

- (b) Yes Sir, the Government of India supports youth theatre and cultural performance groups through financial assistance to the traditional guru-disciple training method by

providing honorariums to established gurus and their troupes under the Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory grant)

Under the Scheme of Award of Scholarships to young artists in different cultural fields, scholarships is granted to young, emerging artists in performing, literary, and visual arts for advanced training under expert guidance.

To create an ecosystem of cultural learning, Sangeet Natak Akademi, has established 'Sangeet Natak Akademi's Chhau Kendra' at Chandankiyari, Dist. Bokaro, Jharkhand in 2018 to offer training in Chhau which has been inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

The Akademi also offers training programmes of performing art forms of Jharkhand under the scheme "Kala Deeksha" (Guru Shishya Parampara) as under:

Sl.No.	Art Forms	Name of the Guru	Venue/place of training
1.	Seraikella Chhau	Malay Sahoo	Seraikella,
2.	Seraikella Chhau	Kusmi Pattayanayak	Seraikella,
3.	Manbhum Chhau	Ramchand Mahato	Andhartelia, Bokaro,
4.	Seraikella Chhau Mask Making	Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra	Seraikella, Jharkhand
5	Dhol, Dhak, Mandar, Nagara (Instruments making)	Sakrati Nayak	Kolebira, Simdega, Jharkhand

ANNEXURE

**DETAILS OF FUNDS DISBURSED AND NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES (INDIVIDUALS /ORGANIZATIONS) IN JHARKHAND
UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES ADMINISTERED**

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme										
		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-25	
		Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. In lakh.)	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. In lakh)	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. In lakh.)	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. In lakh.)	Number of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	1	2.64	2	21.54	13	69.18	18	100.64	13	47.65
2.	Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence (including R.K. Mission, West Bengal)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15.00
3.	Cultural Function and Production Grant	2	2.5	1	0.5	6	11.37	11	14.26	7	8
4.	Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field Of Culture	24	22.20	23	44.40	15	17.40	24	30.60	15	24
5.	Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields	13	3.90	17	5.10	8	2.40	24	7.20	17	5.10
6.	Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists	8	2.28	5	3	7	3.59	4	3.88	3	2.76
