

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026**

PRESERVATION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

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Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of elements from India inscribed in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list;
- (b) whether the Ministry has undertaken fresh documentation of endangered art forms, crafts and folk traditions; and
- (c) the details of financial and institutional support extended to practitioners and NGOs for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) India currently has 16 elements inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (ICH).
- (b) Sangeet Natak Akademi, the nodal agency for Intangible Cultural Heritage under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India has constituted an expert committee comprising practitioners, academicians, authors, and cultural specialists to undertake comprehensive documentation of the elements.
The committee carry out extensive outreach and fieldwork, along with direct consultations to ensure the active participation of diverse communities, groups, and individuals associated with the art forms, crafts and folk traditions.
- (c) Ministry of Culture implements a Scheme titled "Scheme for Safeguarding the Intangible Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India", with the objective of reinvigorating and revitalizing various institutions, groups, individuals, identified non-MOC institutions, non-government organizations, researchers and scholars so that they may engage in activities/ projects for strengthening, protecting, preserving and promoting the rich intangible cultural heritage of India. It also support and strengthen the efforts of various stakeholders vis-à-vis wider recognition and acceptance, dissemination,

preservation and promotion of the rich, diverse and vast ICH of India including recognition of the same by the UNESCO.

The Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY), an umbrella scheme is also implemented by this Ministry for the promotion of art and culture in the country. It has the following sub-schemes under which financial assistance is provided to cultural organizations/individuals:-

1. Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)
2. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Art and Culture. It has the following components:
 - i. Financial Assistance to Cultural Organisations with National Presence
 - ii. Cultural Function & Production Grant(CFPG)
 - iii. Financial Assistance for Preservation & Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas
 - iv. Financial Assistance for the Preservations & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations

The details of financial assistance provided under these schemes are given at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply of part (c) of the RSUQ No. 2284 answered on 12.03.2026

1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF GURU-SHISHYA PARAMPARA (REPERTORY GRANT)

(Rs. In lakhs)

2022-2023		2023-24		2024-25	
Nos. of Orgs	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount
1214	7824.7	1882	10147.6	1041	7704.7

2. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Art and Culture:

(i) Scheme of Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence

(Rs. in lakhs)

Financial Year					
2022-2023		2023-24		2024-25	
Nos. of Orgs	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount
15	1160.40	22	1216.50	28	1182.98

(ii) Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)

(Rs. in lakhs)

2022-2023		2023-24		2024-25	
Nos. of Orgs	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount
2135	3275.21	2242	2455.51	1710	3225.98

(iii) Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas.

(Rs. in lakhs)

2022-2023		2023-24		2024-25	
Nos. of Cases	Amount	Nos. of Cases	Amount	Nos. of Cases	Amount
225	468.73	149	292.52	12	31.25

(iv) Financial Assistance for the Preservations & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations

(Rs. in lakhs)

2022-2023		2023-24		2024-25	
Nos. of Orgs	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount	Nos. of Orgs authorized	Amount
401	2601	330	1557.36	385	2223.87
