

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 731  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016**

**PROMOTION OF THEATRE ARTS**

**731: SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:**

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate scheme to promote theatre arts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of financial assistance provided by the Government to theatre artists during the last two years?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM  
(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**ANSWER**

- (a) & (b): Promotion of Theatre Arts is a continuous process. Ministry of Culture through its autonomous organizations like National School of Drama (NSD) and Sangeet Natak Akademi takes various steps to promote Theatre Arts by performing plays, theatre workshops, outreach programmes and by organising Theatre Festivals like "Bharat Rang Mahotsav" inviting theatre groups from within the country as well as abroad, "Jasne Bachpan and Bal Sangam" for children, Tribal Festivals in different location of the country and Purvottar Theatre Festival.
- (c): Details of financial assistance provided to NGO's/Individuals during last two years under Repertory Grant and earlier Production Grant Scheme ( recently it has been merged with Cultural Function Production Grant Scheme), including theatre artists are given as under:-

Year	Amount (in Lakhs )
2014-15	Rs. 3916.09
2015-16	Rs. 4267.21

Details of financial assistance to theatre artists provided by the SNA during the last two year is at annexure.

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## Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply to Part-c of the  
Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 731 dated 21.11.2016**

### Sangeet Natak Akademi

(Amount in Rs.)

Financial Year	Date /Year	Festival	Budget
2014-15	March 2015	Natya Samagama, Agartala 12-20 March 2015	15747921
		Prahlad Natak Training Programme 2014-15	581900
2015-16	December 2015	<i>Aurat Ki Jung</i> performance at Meghdoot – I, on 4 December 2015	210380
	January 2016	Natya Samagam, Delhi, 9-17 January 2016	37617104
	March 2016	Desaj Darbhanga, 3-5 March, 2016	3794064
		Desaj Azamgarh, 16-20 March 2016	11548833
		Prahlad Natak Training Programme 2015-16	596000
2016-17	April 2016	<i>Rashmirathi</i> performance at Meghdoot III on 17 April 2016	174719
		<i>Bebe Ka Chamba</i> performance at Meghdoot III on 30 April 2016	75000
	July 2016	Special Documentation on Guru Kalamandalam Girija Devi, 21, 22 and 23 July 2016.	113590
		Deshaj, Thathiyaa and Kanpur, July 2016	9381764
		Exhibiton-Documentation: Make-up, Turbans and Costumes, at Meghdoot, 28 July to 1 August 2016	8372194
	September 2016	Kutiyattam Performances in memory of Ammannur Madhavachakyar Meghdoot Theatre - III, 8 and 9 September 2016	152000
		Natya Samagama, Jammu, Abhinav Theatre, 24-28 September 2016	6108406
		Prahlad Natak Training Programme 2016-17	407000