

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2983  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

**CONSERVATION OF ANCIENT FOLK TRADITION AND LITERATURE**

**2983. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:**

**SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:**

**SHRI BHARAT SINGH:**

**SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:**

**SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:**

**SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:**

**COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the promotion and conservation of ancient folk traditions, culture, folk literature including tribal culture and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds allocated in this regard to various States, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify endangered cultural groups and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken to protect these groups;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from State Governments during the last three years and the current year for preserving, protecting and promoting culture and traditional art forms of their respective States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposals received along with the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. For promotion and conservation of ancient folk traditions, culture, folk literature including tribal culture, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis throughout the country. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to all these 7 ZCCs by Government of India for carrying out these activities with details as under and no State/UT-wise funds are provided for this purpose:

**(₹ in lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	NZCC, Patiala	612.35	433.39	1412.50
2	WZCC, Udaipur	429.35	652.39	885.15
3	SZCC, Thanjavur	830.66	336.10	560.56
4	EZCC, Kolkata	537.36	456.54	813.659
5	SCZCC, Nagpur	544.19	319.61	1115.00
6	NCZCC, Allahabad	520.37	345.07	517.37
7	NEZCC, Dimapur	771.94	1431.78	1530.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>4246.22</b>	<b>3974.88</b>	<b>6834.330</b>

(c) & (d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.