GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3939 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2017

DOCUMENTATION AND DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

3939. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Assistance to State Governments, Institutions and Organisations for Documentation and Dissemination of Research Results in the field of Anthropology Scheme is yet to be implemented by the Anthropological Survey of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the salient features of the scheme, the amount of funds sanctioned for the same; and
- (c) the reasons for the delay in implementation of the said scheme along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. This scheme is already under implementation by Anthropological Survey of India.

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to external organizations for projects relating to documentation, audio-visual recording, digitalization etc. as part of the research and studies in anthropology proposed by the state governments, departments of anthropology in universities, NGOs involved in anthropological studies etc., as well documentation of bio-cultural heritage, ethnographic specimens, customs, traditions, festivals, endangered cultural artefacts etc. The extent of assistance will be restricted to Rs.10.00 lakh for state governments and union territories and Rs.5.00 lakh for other applications.

The scheme was approved and conveyed to the Anthropological Survey of India on 25.01.2016 for implementation of the same during the financial year 2016-17. A total expenditure of Rs.60.00 lakh has been sanctioned for the financial year 2016-17. The Anthropological Survey of India has already initiated work on this scheme and three organizations have already been assigned the project work with the time period of one year for completion of the research studies and documentation work.
