

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNTARRED QUESTION NO.2359
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

NATIONAL CULTURE FUND

2359. Shrimati Meenakashi Lekhi:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The aims and objectives of the National Culture Fund (NCF);
- (b) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred to various institutions/ department/individuals during the last three years to preserve culture of the country; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to amend the criteria laid down in said trust for mobilizing the funds and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The National Culture Fund (NCF) was set up by the Government of India as a Trust under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890 on 28th November, 1996 with a view to mobilize extra resources through Public Private Partnerships towards promoting, protecting and preserving India's cultural heritage. The Fund aims at inviting the participation of the corporate sector, public and private sector companies, non-government organizations, state governments as well as individuals in the task of promoting, protecting and preserving India's rich cultural heritage.
- (b) The details are placed at Annexure-1
- (c) No Madam, the government is not planning to amend the criteria laid down for mobilizing funds in said trust.

The present funding mechanism covers a wide area for getting contributions and grants from agencies like Central Government, State Government, voluntary donations, statutory bodies created under the Acts of Parliament or of the State Legislatures, the United Nations and its associated bodies & other International Organizations, Private and Public Corporate Sectors, Trusts, Societies and Individuals. The funds being received by the said trust are under the CSR & Sustainability' Activities, as per Schedule VII, The Companies Act, 2013.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2359 for Reply on 31.07.2017 regarding National Culture Fund.

In the last three Financial Years ,NCF released the funds to the following organisations towards the projects expenses. The details are as under –

S. No	Name of Organization	Project Name	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Remarks
1.	Archaeological Survey of India	Conservation and Restoration of Jaisalmer Fort, Rajasthan	13,53,690.00	-	-	Project completed Funds Utilized
2.	Janana Prvaha, Calcutta	Janana Prvaha, Calcutta	5,27,610.00	-	-	Project completed Funds Utilized
3.	Alam Bazar Math & M/s Manish Chakraborty (Consultants)	Alambazar Math Project, Kolkata, West Bengal.		20,00,000.00		Funds Utilized
4.	Archaeological Survey of India	Project Gol Gumbaj, bijapur	12,58,413.00	-	-	Funds Utilized
5.	Archaeological Survey of India	Conservation & maintenance of Tughlaqabad Fort, New Delhi	16,39,618.00	-		Project completed Funds Utilized
6.	M/s PEGS & M/s Abha Lambha Associates	Krishna Temple, Hampi, Karnataka	20,72,025.00	7,07,700.00	-	Funds Utilized
7.	M/s Droher(Consultants)	Preparation of DPR for Old Rangnath Mandir, Pushkar, Rajasthan	3,37,698.00	-	-	Funds Utilized
8.	Photo Archive Foundation	Project on India Photo Archive Foundation	3,90,618.00	-		Project completed Funds Utilized

9.	Archaeological Survey of India	Conservation of National Monuments 1. Group of monument in Mandu, (M.P) -Conservation of Hoshang Shah Tomb - Interpretation Centre at TaveliMahal & Signage 2. Excavated site at Vikramshila, Bihar 3. Excavated site of Lalitgiri, Orissa	-	25,00,000.00	-	Funds Utilized
10.	Archaeological Survey of India	Conservation of Ahom Monuments, Sibsagardistt., Assam 1. Rang Ghar 2. KarengGhar(Garhgaon) 3. TalatalGhar(Joysagar) 4. Group of Madaims at Cheraideo	50,00,000.00	----	50,00,000.00	Project activity ongoing
11.	Archaeological Survey of India	Project NTPC Nagrik Sewa Mandal	5,00,000.00	-		Project completed Funds Utilized
12.	SEWA Federation, Gujarat	Crafts and sustainable skill development in Gujarat.	47,00,618.00	36,00,000.00	10,00,000.00	Funds Utilized
12.	Aga Khan Foundation	Conservation of Sunderwala Mahal New Delhi	32,52,869.00	-	-	Project completed Funds Utilized
13.	Archaeological Survey of India	Conservation of JaiprakashYantra, JantarMantar, New Delhi	15,00,000.00	-	7,00,000.00	Project completed Funds Utilized
14.	Archaeological Survey of India	Restoration of Shri Bhuleshwar Temple, Pune, Maharashtra	-	-	23,00,000.00	Project Ongoing Funds Utilized
15.	M/s Abha Lambha Associates(Consultant)	Upgradation of ASI Site museums SwatantrataSangramSangrahalaya, Red Fort, Delhi	-	5,60,000.00	-	Ongoing project activity
16.	IICD, Jaipur	NCF-HUDCO Training Programme for craftsmen		7,28,417.00	-	Project completed Funds Utilized

17.	Archaeological Survey of India	For purchasing two battery operated vehicles for Monuments	-	-	15,31,600.00	Project completed Funds Utilized
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