

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST JANUARY, 2018**

PROMOTION OF FOLK ARTS OF JHARKHAND

†2173. **SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of centrally sponsored schemes being run to promote and conserve music of Jharkhand and promote folk artists of Jharkhand at present;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and number of people benefitted from these schemes during the last three years; and
- (c) the names of States where folk artists from Jharkhand have performed stage programmes during the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country and to meet this objective, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur to promote and conserve music and promote folk artists in all the States/UTs of India including Jharkhand. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes during the year and the folk artists from all over India are engaged to perform in these activities and programmes. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to all these 7 ZCCs by the Government of India for carrying out these activities. The grant-in-aid released to these ZCCs during the last three years is as under:

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount
1.	2014-15	3974.88
2.	2015-16	6834.33
3.	2016-17	6085.07

(c) The folk artists from Jharkhand are engaged by all the 7 ZCCs to perform stage programmes in all the States/UTs of India.