

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2550
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

PROPOSALS FOR ARTIST'S PENSION

2550. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that old artists and intellectuals are leading a pitiable life in the country especially in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the large number of proposals sent by the local public representative requesting the Government to provide assistance to these old artists and intellectuals under "Artist Pension" scheme in order to improve their Socio-economic condition during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon and the number of old artists benefited from this scheme till date, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF
STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) The Government is extremely sensitive to and concerned about the improvement of financial and socio-economic status of old artists and intellectuals in the country including Maharashtra.

For assistance of old artistes and intellectuals the Government administers a Scheme namely "Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes" under which financial assistance in the form of monthly pension is provided to old artists and intellectuals of the age of sixty years and above.

- (b) & (c) Yes Madam. A meeting of Expert Committee was convened during 31st July to 2nd August, 2017 to consider the applications received from the artistes for award of pension. In the said meeting a total of 1625 artistes have been recommended for artistes pension which includes 344 artistes recommended from Maharashtra.

The State/UT wise details of beneficiaries under "Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes" during the last three years are given at annexure.

Annexure to the reply of part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2550 to be answered on 12.03.018 on "Proposal for Artist's Pension".

Sl. No.	States	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Andhra Pradesh	278	304	295	312
2	Assam	28	28	28	34
3	Bihar	38	38	38	41
4	Delhi	38	38	38	42
5	Goa	7	7	7	8
6	Gujarat	5	5	5	5
7	Haryana	28	28	28	28
8	Himachal Pradesh	6	6	6	6
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	2
10	Jharkhand	6	6	6	7
11	Karnataka	538	613	588	673
12	Kerala	184	219	212	288
13	Madhya Pradesh	30	30	30	45
14	Maharashtra	645	760	684	871
15	Manipur	84	109	97	117
16	Meghalaya	1	1	1	1
17	Mizoram	4	4	4	5
18	Nagaland	0	0	0	2
19	Odisha	193	218	198	241
20	Puducherry	6	6	6	6
21	Punjab	3	3	3	7
22	Rajasthan	3	3	3	14
23	Tamil Nadu	135	185	165	229
24	Telangana	80	90	90	103
25	Uttar Pradesh	186	198	188	201
26	Uttarakhand	8	8	8	11
27	West Bengal	50	60	60	77
Total		2584	2967	2788	3376

