

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2638
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

MUSIC & DANCE SCHOOLS

†2638. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open music and dance schools for the people belonging to economically weaker sections of the society in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of funds sanctioned by the Government for the promotion of Indian Performing Arts during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE &
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

ANSWER

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): Promotion of Indian culture/Art is an ongoing process. Ministry of Culture through its various autonomous organisations promotes Indian Art including performing art forms by organizing festivals, programmes, lecture-demonstrations, seminars, training programmes, etc. throughout the year in different parts of the country.

Besides, to protect, preserve & promote various forms of art and bringing awareness about the rich cultural heritage of our country among the masses, 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.

No specific fund for promotion of Indian Performing Arts is given. However, details of funds sanctioned by the Government of India for the promotion of Indian Performing Arts through various schemes are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Financial Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
(i)	Repertory grant, Financial assistance to cultural organization with National Presence, Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme	2014-15	56.50
		2015-16	88.40
		2016-17	53.22
		2017-18	76.73
(ii)	Building Grant Including Studio Theatres	2014-15	1.50
		2015-16	2.00
		2016-17	1.50
		2017-18	3.00
(iii)	Tagore Cultural Complexes	2014-15	23.00
		2015-16	25.50
		2016-17	30.00
		2017-18	23.00
