

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2708  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**AWARENESS FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AMONG PEOPLE**

†2708. **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up/proposes to set up several centres for bringing awareness about the rich cultural heritage of our country among the masses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken in this regard, State/ UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b) 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. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to all these 7 ZCCs by Government of India for carrying out these activities and State/UT-wise funds are not provided. However, the grant-in-aid provided to these ZCCs during the last three years and the current year are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)		
Sl. No.	Year	Amount
i.	2014-15	3974.88
ii.	2015-16	6834.33
iii.	2016-17	6085.07
iv.	2017-18 (as on date)	4170.49