

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5535
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND APRIL, 2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES

†5535. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned/ financial assistance provided by the Government to cultural centres for their development during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to grant assistance to the State Governments for organising a three-day programme to commemorate the memory of Sant Kabir; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) To protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. Annual grant-in-aid is released to these seven ZCCs for organizing various cultural activities and programmes all over India including Jharkhand. The details of funds released to these ZCCs during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1.	NZCC, Patiala	433.39	1412.50	642.21
2.	WZCC, Udaipur	652.39	885.15	895.26
3.	SZCC, Thanjavur	336.10	560.56	841.27
4.	EZCC, Kolkata	456.54	813.659	861.32
5.	SCZCC, Nagpur	319.61	1115.00	588.43
6.	NCZCC, Allahabad	345.07	517.37	491.58
7.	NEZCC, Dimapur	1431.78	1530.10	1765.00
Total		3974.88	6834.330	6085.07

No State/UT wise funds are released for this purpose.

(b) & (c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government of India in this regard.