

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION QUESTION NO. 5562

TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HIMALAYAN REGION

5562. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken to promote civil participation under the scheme for development of cultural heritage of Himalayan region;
- (b) whether the Government has made any collaborations with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under the scheme; 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) & (b): The Ministry implements Scheme for providing financial assistance for Preservation and development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayan regions. The Scheme covers grant to voluntary organizations/ NGOs registered as society under Societies Registration Act, 1860 or as public Trust under the Indian Trust Act 1962 and Colleges & Universities across India. Financial assistance of upto Rs.10.00 lakhs is given to any single organization recommended by the Expert Advisory Committee from Himalayan Region spread over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh for Study and Research in areas such as preservation of old manuscripts, for literature, art & crafts, for documentation of cultural activities, dissemination of art and culture through audio-visual programmes & training in traditional and folk Art.

(c): The fund released under the said scheme to various NGO's/ Trust/ Other Institution etc. in last 3 years and current year are as follows:-

Year	Released Amount (in crore)
2014-2015	0.95
2015-2016	0.89
2016-2017	1.10
2017-2018	0.70(as on 26.3.2018)
