

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 968  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018)**

**ENHANCEMENT IN FEE OF EMPANELLED ARTISTS**

**968. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP**

**Will the MINISTER of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- a) The number of empanelled artists in the country, State-wise;
- b) Whether the Government proposes to enhance the fee of empanelled artists and if so, the details thereof;
- c) Whether such artists are also sent to other countries for their functions/programmes; and
- d) If so, the number of such programmes for which the artists were sent abroad during the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]**

- (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through its Subordinate office Song and Drama Division disseminates information on government programmes and policies to the public through medium of live art and culture utilizing the services of Departmental Artists, Private Registered Troupes and Empanelled Artists. The number of Private Registered Troupes and Individual Artists empanelled with Song and Drama Division (State-wise) as on 31.01.2018 is annexed.
- (b) The fee of Private Registered Troupes and Individual Artists empanelled with Song and Drama Division is under review.
- (c) No
- (d) Does not arise

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF LOK SABHA  
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**Number of Private Registered Troupes & Individual Artistes empanelled with Song &  
Drama Division (as on 31.01.2018)**

<b>States</b>	<b>Private Registered Troupes</b>	<b>Individual Artistes</b>
Karnataka	65	-
Kerala	16	-
Madhya Pradesh	48	-
Rajasthan	70	-
Chhattisgarh	41	-
Himachal Pradesh	12	-
Jammu & Kashmir	60	-
Punjab {including Chandigarh (UT)}	34	-
Delhi	47	-
Haryana	36	-
Assam	82	-
Meghalaya	01	-
Manipur	45	-
Mizoram	06	-
Tripura	10	-
Nagaland	05	-
Odisha	61	-
West Bengal	56	-
Uttar Pradesh	102	-
Uttarakhand	31	-
Gujarat	35	-
Maharashtra	51	-
Goa	06	-
Andhra Pradesh & Telengana	33	11
Tamil Nadu & Puducherry (UT)	71	16
Bihar	61	36
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>63</b>