

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1102
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISTS

**1102. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI HARI MANJHI:
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI R.P. MARUTHARAJJA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide financial assistance to the artists for pension and medical facility;
- (b) if so, the details of funds sanctioned during the last four years along with the number of artists who have been provided financial assistance under this scheme during the last four years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether any financial help like scholarship and honorarium is also being provided to the artists for propagating, spreading and building their local culture in different parts of the country during the last four years and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details and number of applications regarding payment of honorarium to the artists pending with the Government along with the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government to clear such applications at the earliest; and
- (e) whether the Government would consider increasing the amount of funds being given to the artists and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C)
FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND
CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a & b) Yes, Madam. Government of India is administering a scheme namely “Scheme for Pension and Medical and Aid to Artists”. The funds released during the last four years under this Scheme are as under:-

Financial Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2014-2015	Rs.15.63
2015-2016	Rs.13.86
2016-2017	Rs.13.17
2017-2018	Rs.15.30

Number of beneficiaries State/UT-wise under the Scheme are at Annexure-I.

(c) Yes, Madam. Government of India also administers a Scheme component of scholarship to young artists (SYA) under the Scheme of Scholarship & Fellowship for promotion of Art and Culture. The amount of scholarship under this Scheme is not released State-wise but directly into the bank account of beneficiaries. However, the funds released during the last four years under this scheme component are as under:-

Financial Year	Number of scholarship awarded year-wise @Rs.5000/- per month
2014-2015	212
2015-2016	283
2016-2017	310
2017-2018	317

(d) No application is pending at part of the Government. Applications received under the scheme/scheme-component are processed regularly as per provisions of scheme guidelines.

(f) No such proposal is under consideration.

Annexure-I

**Annexure to the reply of part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
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Sl. No.	States	2014- 15	2015- 16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Andhra Pradesh	304	295	312	324
2	Assam	28	28	34	37
3	Bihar	38	38	41	41
4	Delhi	38	38	42	42
5	Goa	7	7	8	8
6	Gujarat	5	5	5	5
7	Haryana	28	28	28	29
8	Himachal Pradesh	6	6	6	6
9	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	NIL	2	2
10	Jharkhand	6	6	7	13
11	Karnataka	613	588	673	673
12	Kerala	219	212	288	315
13	Madhya Pradesh	30	30	45	48
14	Maharashtra	760	684	871	871
15	Manipur	109	97	117	124
16	Meghalaya	1	1	1	1
17	Mizoram	4	4	5	5
18	Nagaland	NIL	NIL	2	2
19	Odisha	218	198	241	241
20	Puducherry	6	6	6	6
21	Punjab	3	3	7	7
22	Rajasthan	3	3	14	14
23	Tamil Nadu	185	165	229	229
24	Telangana	90	90	103	103
25	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
26	Uttar Pradesh	198	188	201	202
27	Uttarakhand	8	8	11	11
28	West Bengal	60	60	77	77
Total		2967	2788	3376	3437

