

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH JANUARY, 2019
PROGRAMME IN MEMORY OF SANT KABIR**

†4189. **SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has worked out any action-plan for development of cultural centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for development of such centres, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to release grant in aid to State Governments to organise three day programme in memory of Sant Kabir; and
- (e) 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 (c) 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, Prayagraj, 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. No State/UT wise funds are released for this purpose. However, the details of funds released to these ZCCs during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	NZCC, Patiala	1412.50	642.21	818.15
2.	WZCC, Udaipur	885.15	895.26	784.12
3.	SZCC, Thanjavur	560.56	841.27	529.05
4.	EZCC, Kolkata	813.65	861.32	603.60
5.	SCZCC, Nagpur	1115.00	588.43	726.38
6.	NCZCC, Prayagraj	517.37	491.58	619.35
7.	NEZCC, Dimapur	1530.10	1765.00	609.06
Total		6834.33	6085.07	4689.71

(d) & (e) Government does not propose to release grant-in-aid to the State Governments to organize programme in the memory of Sant Kabir. However, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj participated in the Kabir Festival 'Anhaad Naad' held at Maghar, Uttar Pradesh from 28th to 29th June, 2018. An amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs was also released to NCZCC, Prayagraj for this purpose.