

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH JULY, 2019**

PROMOTION OF TELUGU CULTURE

2428. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken for development/promotion of Telugu Culture for organizing cultural programmes in Telangana State; and
- (b) the funds released for Bonalu cultural festival in Telangana during the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, invites artistes who are experts in various art forms including Bonalu art form from Telangana State for participation in various cultural activities organized by them in its member States. SZCC has conducted various cultural programmes in Telangana State viz. Telangana State Formation Day, Aadhi Mahotsav Tribal Festival, Navarathiri Festival, All India Craft Mela, Sankaranthi Festival, 250th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Saint Thyagaraja, Dasara Festival, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, National Craft Mela and Ugadi Festival.

(b) During 2018-19, financial assistance of Rs. 2.00 lakh was released to Shri Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraiah Cultural Society, Telangana, a Non Government Organization (NGO) for this festival under Cultural Function Production Grant Scheme (CFPGS) operating by this Ministry.