

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension

† 3430. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any kind of changes in the distribution of 'Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension' being given to senior artists and if so, the details thereof,
- (b) whether the number of artists receiving pension declined or increased due to these changes and if so, the details thereof.
- (c) the number of senior artists residing in Sangli district of Maharashtra, receiving 'Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension' during the last two years along with the number of artists whose proposals are under process: and
- (d) the names of the artists whose names have been deleted along with the reasons there for ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There is no such Scheme, namely "Kalakar Samman Nidhi Pension" administered by Ministry of Culture. However, the Ministry administers a scheme namely "Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes" for improving the financial and socio-economic status of the old artist and scholars who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of arts, letters etc. in their active age or are still contributing in the field of arts, letters etc. but due to old age they have to lead a miserable life or are in penury condition. Government has not made any changes in the distribution of scheme.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) During the last two years, three artists residing in Sangli district of Maharashtra, have been recommended for artist pension under the scheme and no proposal is under process.
- (d) No names of the artistes have been deleted.