

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3079
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

**ACTION PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES IN
TAMIL NADU**

3079. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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 Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for the development of such centres in the State of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) To protect, promote and preserve 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. Each State of India is a member of one or more ZCCs. Tamil Nadu is a member State of South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on a regular basis all over India including Tamil Nadu for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them.

Details of grant-in-aid released to ZCCs during the last 3 years and the current year are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2019-20	5732.95
ii.	2020-21	4009.38
iii.	2021-22	5881.48
iv.	2022-23 (as on date)	4211.86

No State/UT-wise funds are released by this Ministry.

Since these ZCCs were established long ago to cater to the cultural needs of all the States/UTs in the country including Tamil Nadu, there is no proposal as yet under consideration of the Government of India for development of more such centers in the country.

(c) Does not arise in view of the fact that no State/UT-wise funds are released by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for the purpose. However, the details of grant-in-aid released to SZCC, Thanjavur during the last three years and current year are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2019-20	639.26
ii.	2020-21	247.29
iii.	2021-22	724.89
iv.	2022-23 (as on date)	623.39
