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SCHEMES TO SUPPORT MODAKONDAMMA JATARA FESTIVAL

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Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of regional festivals supported via Central schemes across the country;
- (b) the schemes to support the Modakondamma Jatara festival organised in Alluri District, Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of schemes to economically empower the tribal groups of this district through the festival; and
- (d) if no schemes, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION
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(a) There is no particular central scheme administered by Ministry of Culture for supporting Regional Festivals across the country. However, there is a scheme namely Domestic Festival & Fair which is a sub-component of the Central Sector Scheme named as Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana. National level festivals called Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are organized under the provisions of this scheme. A minimum number of two (2) RSMs are required to be organized in a financial year by Ministry of Culture.

Further, 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. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on a regular basis throughout the year in their member States for which they are provided annual grant-in-aid by the Ministry. As per Vision Document 2020-24, a minimum number of 42 regional festivals are required to be organized in a financial year by all the seven ZCCs in their member States out of the grant-in-aid released to them by the Ministry. State/UT-wise funds are not released by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India to organize festivals in the States including the State of Andhra Pradesh. Details of Regional festivals organized by ZCCs during the last three years are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Regional Festivals organized
1.	2019-20	99
2.	2020-21	69
3.	2021-22	112

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(c) & (d) National level festivals like Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are organized by the Ministry where a large number of folk and tribal artists from all over the country including Andhra Pradesh are engaged who showcase their talents during these programmes. From November, 2015 onwards, fourteen (14) RSMs have been organized by Ministry of Culture across the country. RSM was organized in Andhra Pradesh at Rajahmundry on 26th and 27th March, 2022. Folk and tribal artists engaged by these ZCCs for RSMs and Regional Festivals are paid honorarium, DA/TA, boarding & lodging etc. to enable them to earn their livelihood.

Since 2007, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India is running a special scheme called Conservation cum Development Plan (CCD) meant for the 75 identified Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in the Country. Under this Centrally sponsored scheme, the grants are given to States and Union Territories inhabited by such tribal groups to ensure that along with development interventions, the culture of such communities is also preserved, protected and promoted. The Ministry allocates annual budgetary provision to the States/UTs where the PVTGs inhabit.

Further 27 Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) have been set up across the country with an objective to act as a think tank and become repository of information on tribal communities. Under the scheme “Support to TRIs”, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to TRIs for undertaking studies and documentation on life and culture of tribal communities including tribes of North East. TRIs have conducted documentation (Audio-Video, photos and documentation in written and published form) of indigenous knowledge systems practices, cultures and customs of the tribal communities.
