

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4168
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH, 2023

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEME TO
PROTECT FOLK SONG ARTISTS**

**†4168. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIPRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry implements Scholarship and Fellowship Financial Support Scheme to protect folk song artists;
- (b) if so, the details of the said schemes; and
- (c) whether the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture also provides financial assistance to support Folk song artists across the country on the recommendation of its Advisory Committees?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes sir, the Ministry of Culture is implementing a Scheme by the name of 'Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture' to protect all genres of artists including folk song artists.
- (b) The Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture consist of 03 components viz. (i) Award of Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA), (ii) Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to outstanding persons in different cultural fields and (iii) Award of Tagore National Fellowship for cultural research (TNFCR). The detail of these schemes components is as given below:-
 - (i) **'Award of Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)'**. Under this scheme component, a Scholarship of Rs.5000/- per month is provided to selected beneficiaries in the age group of 18 -25 years, in four equal six monthly installments for a period of 2 years. The candidates should have undergone training under any Guru or Institution for a minimum period of five years. The scholars are selected on the basis of their performance in a personal interview/interaction before an Expert Committee for Scholarship constituted by the Ministry.

(ii) Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to outstanding persons in different cultural fields. Under this scheme component, Senior Fellowship is provided to selected Fellows in the age group of 40 years and above in four equal 6 monthly installments @ Rs.20,000/- p.m for 02 years for cultural research. Junior Fellowship is provided to selected Fellows in the age group of 25 to 40 years in four equal 6 monthly installments @ Rs.10,000/- p.m for 02 years. Upto 400 Senior & Junior Fellowships are awarded in one batch year. The Fellows are selected by an Expert Committee for Sr / Jr Fellowship constituted by the Ministry.

(iii) Award of Tagore National Fellowship for cultural research (TNFCR). Under this scheme component, the candidates are selected under two categories viz. Tagore National Fellowship and Tagore Research Scholarship to work on cultural research by affiliation under different participating institutions in 4 different groups. Selection of Fellows and Scholars are made by National Selection Committee (NSC). Selected Fellows are paid financial assistance @Rs.80,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance and Scholars are paid @Rs.50,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance for a maximum period of 2 Years. The financial assistance is released in four equal six monthly installments.

(c) Yes sir. Under the scheme of “Project Grants to Individuals for Research in the Performing Arts”, the Sangeet Natak Akademi provides financial assistance to individuals on recommendation of the Advisory Committee.
