

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4348
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH, 2023

OPERATION OF CENTRES UNDER ‘SEWA BHOJ YOJANA’

†4348. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is operating several Centres under the “SewaBhojYojana”;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the plan of the Government to operate the said Centres?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Ministry of Culture is administering a Central Sector Scheme by the name of ‘SevaBhojYojana’ throughout the country w.e.f. 01.08.2018. Under the Scheme of SevaBhojYojana, financial assistance in the form of reimbursement of CGST and Central Government’s share of IGST paid by charitable/religious institutions like Gurudwaras, Temples, Dharmik Ashram, Mosques, Dargah, Church, Math, Monasteries etc. on purchase of specific raw food items viz. (i) Ghee (ii) Edible Oil (iii) Sugar/Burra/Jaggery (iv) Rice (v) Atta/Maida/Rava/Flour and (vi) Pulses for serving free food to public / devotees is reimbursed.

These Charitable/Religious Institutions are required to distribute free food in the form of ‘prasad’, ‘langar’/bhandara (community kitchen) to at least 5000 persons in a calendar month for at least past 3 years.

The Ministry of Culture is however, not operating any Centre under SevaBhojYojana for implementing the scheme.

- (b) The state-wise details of beneficiaries under SevaBhojYojana is **Annexed**.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 4348 due for answer on 27-03-2023.

Details of state-wise beneficiaries under Seva Bhoj Yojana:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-22		2022-23 (as on 22-03-2023)	
		Nos. of Orgs.	Amount	Nos. of Orgs.	Amount	Nos. of Orgs.	Amount	Nos. of Orgs.	Amount
1.	Punjab	01	171.00	03	169.00	03	154.00	03	143.00
2.	Andhra Pradesh	02	24.90	--	--	-	--	-	-
	Total	03	195.90	03	169.00	03	154.00	03	143.00