

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

†1194. **SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated by the Government as assistance to various cultural programmes and projects in North Eastern States and the amount utilized in this regard during the last two years;
- (b) the details of the ongoing cultural programmes and projects in Assam;
- (c) the details of the projects completed in time and the projects lagging behind schedule along with the reasons for such delay;
- (d) the amount of funds released to the cultural centres of North-Eastern States during the last three years along with the details thereof; and
- (e) the purposes for which the said funds were utilized by the said centres and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) No funds are directly allocated/released to the States/Union Territories by Ministry of Culture for cultural programmes & projects. To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art and culture of the North Eastern States throughout the country, the Government has set up North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) at Dimapur. NEZCC organizes various cultural activities and programmes of the North East Regions on regular basis all over India. The funds released by Ministry of Culture to NEZCC and the amount utilized by them on various cultural activities and programmes conducted in various North Eastern States during the last two years are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Fund released by Ministry of Culture	Funds utilized by NEZCC
2017-18	610.00	610.00
2018-19	792.59	693.50

(b) & (c) Various cultural activities/programmes viz. Discover North East, Border Area Programmes, Umang Programmes, Local Traditional Festivals, Women Activities, Painting Workshops, Shilpgram Weekend Programmes and Classical Dance Workshop are being organized by NEZCC in Assam. No cultural project is pending on account of Ministry of Culture in Assam.

(d) & (e) Annual Grant-in-aid is provided to the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) by the Government of India for organizing various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis throughout the country including the North-Eastern States. However, no State/UT-wise funds are provided for this purpose. Various cultural programmes/festivals, fairs, workshops, exhibitions are organized by NEZCC for preservation and promotion of various folk arts and traditions of the North East Regions. The funds released to NEZCC by Ministry of Culture for this purpose during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Amount
2016-17	1765.00
2017-18	610.00
2018-19	792.59