

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3368  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th DECEMBER, 2019**

**CULTURAL TALENT DISCOVERY SCHEME**

**3368. SHRI D.M.KATHIR ANAND:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Government had recently introduced cultural talent discovery scheme under which a cultural data bank is being prepared by registering artists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the objectives of this scheme is to appreciate new talent and protect old arts and artists; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof.

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) & (b) "Ministry of Culture is working on the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) for building a comprehensive data base of artists, art forms and other resources gathered from cultural organizations in the Ministry of Culture, other ministries and also states

(c) & (d) Besides, Ministry of Culture has been administering a few schemes to identify, nurture, hand hold and train the upcoming and budding artists on a sustained basis. This is carried out by way of grant of scholarships, fellowships, pensions and other forms of grants/assistance throughout the country. Details are available on Ministry's Website.

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