

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 406
FOR ANSWER ON 23.03.2020**

TRAVEL GRANT TO INDIAN ARTISTS

***406.** DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme for providing travel grant to Indian artists for holding events abroad to promote Indian culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last two years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred question No. 406 for 23.03.2020 regarding Travel Grant to Indian Artists

Ministry of Culture had launched the scheme for 'Promoting International Cultural Relations' in 2014 during the 12th Five Year Plan period with the objective of disseminating and creating awareness about various forms of Indian culture abroad. However, no grant was released under the scheme as none of the applications received for the purpose during the period was fulfilling the criteria prescribed in the scheme. The scheme was proposed to continue beyond 12th plan period (i.e. beyond 31st March, 2017) with modification and renamed as 'Travel Grant for promotion of Indian Culture'. However, final decision on continuation of the scheme has not been taken. The details of token budgetary provisions made during last two years and the current year are as under:

Financial Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2017-18	50.00
2018-19	100.00
2019-20	50.00
