

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3574  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**FUNDS ALLOCATED TO SOUTH INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRE, THANJAVUR**

**3574. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:**

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

- (a) whether the South Indian Cultural Centre, Thanjavur is providing indigenous cultures of the zone closer to the masses especially to the rural populace and to the under privileged people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of current schemes being implemented and its target?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur through its various programmes and activities is making the general masses including rural populace and the under privileged people aware about the indigenous cultures of the zone and its member States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.

Activities/festivals organized by SZCC during 2019-20 are Hathi Varathar Vaibhavam-2019 at Tamil Nadu; Fete-de-Puducherry at Puducherry; Mysore Dasara Festival at Karnataka; Srivari Brahmotsavams-2019 at Andhra Pradesh; Island Tourism Festival at Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Onam Festival-2019 at Kerala; Bharatheeya Lok Utsav at Tamil Nadu; Pongal Festival-2020 at Tamil Nadu; Sankranthi Festival-2020 at Telangana; Hampi Festival-2020 at Karnataka; Indian Festival-2020 at Tamil Nadu and Vaikunda Ekadesi-2020 at Tamil Nadu.

(c) The details of funds released to SZCC, Thanjavur during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)		
Sl. No.	Year	Amount
i.	2016-17	841.27
ii.	2017-18	529.05
iii.	2018-19	513.45

Apart from the funds allocated by Ministry of Culture, the SZCC uses the interest of the Corpus Fund (Rs. 29.50 crore) available with them.

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(d) The following schemes are being implemented by SZCC:

- i. Award to Young Talented Artistes
- ii. Guru Shishya Parampara
- iii. Theatre Rejuvenation
- iv. Research & Documentation
- v. Shilpgram
- vi. Octave
- vii. National Cultural Exchange Programme

Activities to be conducted under these schemes are decided by the Programme Committee of SZCC and as such there is no fixed target.