

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4256
BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

CSR FUNDS SPENT FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT

4256. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed a new initiative for companies for investing fund under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in national heritage development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the CSR funds spent for national heritage development specially in Nuapada and Kalahandi districts of Odisha during the financial years 2017 to 2020?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) Government has initiated schemes like 'Adopt a Heritage' and Funds like National Culture Fund (NCF) to encourage companies to invest their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in National Heritage Development.

Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') indicates the activities which may be included by companies in their CSR policy. 'National Heritage' falls under item (v) of Schedule VII of the Act which reads as "*Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of building and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts;*".

On the basis of filings made by the Companies in the MCA 21 registry, CSR amount spent by various companies in "Art and Culture" under item no. (v) of Schedule VII of the Act for the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 are given below:

Development Sector	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Art and Culture (in Rs. Crores)	305.57	284.06	189.89	48.08
Odisha(in Rs. lakhs)	130	532	908	429.81

(Data upto 30.09.2020)

(Source: National CSR Data Portal)

All data related to CSR (State/UT-wise as well as development sector wise) as filed by companies in MCA 21 registry is available in public domain which can be accessed at www.csr.gov.in.