

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th AUGUST, 2021**

UNEMPLOYED ARTISTS IN STATES

**3310. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the number of artists in Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh who have been unemployed due to COVID-19;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce stimulus packages to assist artists of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh who have suffered financial loss due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (d): Covid-19 pandemic has affected various sections of the society including artists. Ministry of Culture is implementing various schemes viz., Financial assistance under Repertory Grant Scheme, Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Art and Culture, Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme, Scheme of Scholarship & Fellowship for promotion of Art & Culture, Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence, Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas, Scheme of Pension & Medical Aid to Artists, Financial assistance under Seva Bhoj Yojna and Financial Assistance for Cultural Activities in Performing Arts for Building Grants Including Studio Theatres.

Ministry of Culture ensured speedy and timely release of the grants under the above said schemes to help the artists in the country including artists of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh who faced financial crisis and lost their means of livelihood.
