

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th DECEMBER, 2021

SPECIAL CULTURAL FUND

1282. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

- (a) whether the Government has any mechanism to set up any special cultural fund for promoting our invaluable culture, especially for organizing cultural programmes at district level for promoting cultural/tourist spots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of formal communication with the concerned officials and nodal agencies in regard to the said objective including the amount of funds allocated to Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh and the formal process for organizing programmes to promote tourism these States?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (d) The Ministry of Culture administers various scheme components such as Cultural Function Production Grant, Repertory Grant, Cultural Organization with National Presence etc., under which grants are being given as financial assistance to the organizations to organise cultural events across the country including Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. Seven Zonal Cultural Centres across the country play a key role in promotion of culture through the programmes decided in consultation with their member State Government.

The concerned Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) of above mentioned five member states are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Member States	ZCCs to which attached
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	NZCC, Patiala
2.	West Bengal	EZCC, Kolkata
3.	Jharkhand	EZCC, Kolkata
4.	Bihar	EZCC, Kolkata and NCZCC, Prayagraj
5.	Madhya Pradesh	SCZCC, Nagpur and NCZCC, Prayagraj

A part of the grant provided to concerned Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) is being utilized to organise cultural programmes in Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. However, the execution process is not administered through districts.
