

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2070
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2022**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF MITHILA'S CULTURE

†2070. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided any assistance to the Government of Bihar to preserve and promote the culture of Mithila in Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Year/district-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b) To protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country including Mithila in Bihar, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs). Bihar is the member State of North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj and Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata, autonomous organizations under Ministry of Culture. No State-wise funds are released by the Ministry to preserve and promote a particular culture.

EZCC, Kolkata organizes programmes like Indradhanush, Sita Janam Utsav, Chhat Parva, Guru Govind Singh – Prakash Utsav, Saint Ravidas Jayanti, Bhikari Thakur Utsav, Baat Savitri Pujan Utsav, Jhulan Utsav, Uday Shankar Dance Festival, Phagun Utsav to preserve and promote the culture of Mithila in the Mithilanchal of Bihar in the districts of Madhubani, Saharsa, Madhepura, Supaul, Araria, Darbhanga, Sitamarhi, Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, Munger, Purnia, Katihar, Kishanganj. Details of programmes organized and the expenditure incurred by EZCC during the last three years are at **Annexure-I**.

NCZCC, Prayagraj engages Madhubani painters of Mithila region of Bihar for Madhubani folk painting and folk dance artists to showcase folk dances of this region viz. Jhoomer, Jhijhia and Jat Jatin in various programmes organized by them. Folk singers of Mithila region are also engaged to present 'Maithili Gayan' in programmes organized by NCZCC, Prayagraj. Details of programmes organized and the expenditure incurred by NCZCC during the last three years are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE - I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 2070 for 14.03.2022

Details of programmes organized by EZCC during the last three years**2018-19**

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Chhat Parv	Purnia & Patna, Bihar	28,39,000.00
2.	Sant Ravidas Jayanti	Bhojpur, Bihar	
3.	Baat Savitri Pujan Utsav	Sitamarhi, Bihar	
4.	Bhikhari Thakur Death Anniversary	Chhapra, Bihar	
5.	Jhulan Utsav	Paliganj, Patna	
6.	Uday Shankar Dance Festival	Patna, Bihar	
7.	Natya Utsav	Purnia, Bihar	
8.	Theatre Festival	Katihar, Bihar	
9.	Vaishali Mahotsav	Vaishali, Bihar	
10.	Sita Vivah	Sitamarhi, Bihar	
11.	Phagun Ka Bahar Utsav	Muradpur, Sitamarhi, Bihar	
12.	Ma Janki Jan Mahotsav	Sitamarhi, Bihar	

2019-20

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Chhat Parv	Purnia and Patna, Bihar	9,97,000.00
2.	Baat Savitri Pujan Utsav	Sitamarhi, Bihar	
3.	Jhulan Utsav	Paliganj, Patna	
4.	Sita Vivah	Sitamarhi, Bihar	

2020-21

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Chhat Parv	Purnia and Patna, Bihar	26,43,000.00
2.	Sant Ravidas Jayanti	Bhojpur, Bihar	
3.	Baat Savitri Pujan Utsav	Sitamarhi, Bihar	
4.	Bhikhari Thakur Death Anniversary	Chhapra, Bihar	
5.	Jhulan Utsav	Paliganj, Bihar	
6.	Natya Utsav	Purnia, Bihar	
7.	Theatre Festival	Katihar, Bihar	
8.	Sita Vivah	Sitamarhi, Bihar	
9.	Phagun Ka Bahar Utsav	Muradpur, Sitamarhi, Bihar	
10.	Ma Janki Jan Mahotsav	Sitamarhi, Bihar	

ANNEXURE - II

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Details of programmes organized by NCZCC during the last three years

2018-19

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Swachhta Ki Jyoti	Varanasi, UP	1,34,200.00
2.	Lokotsav Yatra – Chain programme	Motihari & East Champaran, Bihar	
3.	Divya Kumbh – Bhavya Kumbh (Kumbh Mela)	Prayagraj, UP	

2019-20

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Folk Singing Workshop	Motihari, Bihar	2,05,700.00
2.	Chhat Parv	Banka, Bihar	
3.	Rashtriya Shilp Mela	Prayagraj, UP	
4.	Buddha Mahotsav	Gaya, Bihar	
5.	Praan Pratishtha	East Champaran, Bihar	
6.	BIMSTEC International Conference	Delhi	

2020-21

Sr. No.	Name of the Programme	Place	Amount spent (Rs.)
1.	Madhubani Painting Workshop	Madhubani, Bihar	41,600.00
2.	Lok Gatha Gayan	Begusarai, Bihar	
3.	Jaan Bhi- Jahan Bhi – Painting Camp	Madhubani, Bihar	