

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5187
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th APRIL, 2022

CULTURAL FUND FOR ORGANISING CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

5187. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:
SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan/mechanism to establish/allocate a special cultural fund for organizing cultural programmes at the district level to promote our precious culture, especially the cultural/tourist places in the State of Jharkhand, Bihar and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated to the States of Jharkhand, Bihar and Maharashtra for the said purpose and the formal procedure for co-ordination between the concerned officers and the nodal agencies for organizing such an event to promote tourism and business in these States?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India 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 the States of Jharkhand, Bihar and Maharashtra. 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 three member states are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Member States	ZCCs to which attached
1.	Jharkhand	EZCC, Kolkata
2.	Bihar	EZCC, Kolkata and NCZCC, Prayagraj
3.	Maharashtra	SCZCC, Nagpur and WZCC, Udaipur

A part of the grant provided to concerned Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) is being utilized to organise cultural programmes in Jharkhand, Bihar and Maharashtra.