

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.203
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th JULY, 2022

SPECIAL CULTURAL FUND FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

203. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any mechanism to set up a special cultural fund for organizing cultural programmes at district level to promote our precious culture, especially to promote the cultural/ tourist places of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the regular process to be carried out with the concerned authorities and nodal agencies regarding the said objective including the funds allocated for Gujarat and regular process for organising such events to promote tourism and business in the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION**

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b) The Ministry of Culture administers various schemes such as Cultural Function Production Grant, Repertory Grant, Cultural Organisation with National Presence etc. under which grants are being given as financial assistance to the organisations to organise cultural events across the country including Gujarat. Besides, Seven Zonal Cultural Centres across the country play a key role in promotion of culture through the programmes decided in consultation with their member States. Gujarat is a member State of West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC) and a part of the grant provided to WZCC is being utilized to organise cultural programmes in Gujarat. However, the execution process is not administered through district.
- (c) All the financial grant Schemes administered by the Ministry of Culture are Central Sector Schemes and no State-wise / UT-wise allocation of fund is made. Similarly, in respect of Zonal Cultural Centres, regular grant-in-aid is provided by the Government for organising cultural programmes / activities throughout the country including the State of Gujarat. However, no State / UT-wise funds are provided by the Government.