

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3515
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8thAUGUST, 2022

SPECIAL CULTURAL FUND TO ORGANISE CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

3515. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

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 the district level to promote the precious culture of this country, especially to promote the cultural/ tourist places of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has data regarding the allocation of funds to the different zonal Culture Centres and if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the criteria for allocation of funds and the manner in which the funds are being utilized?

ANSWER

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

- (a)The Ministry of Culture administers various schemes such as Repertory Grant, Cultural Function Production Grant and Financial Assistance to Cultural Organisation with National Presence under which grants are being given as financial assistance to the organisations to organise cultural events throughout the country including the State of Rajasthan. 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. Rajasthan 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 Rajasthan. However, the execution process is not administered at district level.
- (b)The details of funds allocated by the Government to the seven ZCCs during the last three (3) years are **Annexed**.

(c) To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art & culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes throughout the country on regular basis through their members states falling in their jurisdiction for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them.

Budget Division allocates annual budget to all the seven ZCCs considering them as a single unit. ZCC-wise budget allocation is thereafter, made internally at the Ministry level taking into account the unspent balance lying with the individual ZCC during the last financial year.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 3515 for 08-08-2022

Allocation of funds to Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs)

Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2019-20	2020-21	(Rs. in lakh) 2021-22
1.	NZCC, Patiala	928.00	1302.60	501.45
2.	NCZCC, Prayagraj	949.00	1152.60	851.45
3.	WZCC, Udaipur	1009.00	1302.60	651.45
4.	SCZCC, Nagpur	948.00	1302.60	751.45
5.	EZCC, Kolkata	953.00	1202.60	801.45
6.	SZCC, Thanjavur	869.00	1252.60	751.45
7.	NEZCC, Dimapur	1043.00	1002.40	801.30
