

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3591
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2022**

FOLK CULTURE AND FOLK ARTISTS OF BUNDELKHAND AND UTTARAKHAND

†3591. **SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made efforts to preserve the folk culture and to promote and protect the folk artists of Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred towards the said purpose during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. To preserve the folk culture and to promote and protect the folk artists of the country including Bundelkhand and Uttarakhand, the Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Thanjavur, Nagpur, Dimapur, Udaipur, Prayagraj and Kolkata.

(b) Bundelkhand Region falls under the jurisdiction of North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj and South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur. Uttarakhand is the member State of North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala and NCZCC, Prayagraj. These ZCCs organize cultural activities/ programmes on regular basis throughout the year for which they engage folk artists including artists from Bundelkhand Region and the State of Uttarakhand. These artists are paid honorarium, TA/DA, boarding & lodging, local transportation etc. by the ZCCs.

Details of expenditure incurred by NCZCC, SCZCC and NZCC to preserve the folk culture and to promote and protect the folk artists of Bundelkhand Region and the State of Uttarakhand during the last five years are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Expenditure incurred by NCZCC & SCZCC in Bundelkhand Region (Rs. in lakh)	Expenditure incurred by NCZCC and NZCC in the State of Uttarakhand (Rs. in lakh)
1.	2017-18	131.08	17.85
2.	2018-19	13.68	23.07
3.	2019-20	11.93	21.04
4.	2020-21	50.92	12.34
5.	2021-22	13.43	20.48