

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *13
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

Financial Assistance for Cultural Activities in Performing Arts

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state

- (a) the details of number of grants given under financial assistance for cultural activities in Performing Arts for Building Grants including Studio Theatres;
- (b) whether any such grants were given to beneficiaries in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a): The Ministry of Culture administers a scheme by the name 'Scheme for Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres' under which it provides grants/ financial support to NGOs, Trust, Societies, Govt. Sponsored bodies, University, College etc. for creation of conventional cultural spaces for Performing Arts (i.e. studio theatre, auditoria, rehearsal hall, classroom etc.) and provision of facilities like electrical, air conditioning, acoustics, light and sound systems etc. Under this scheme, the maximum amount of assistance provided is up to Rs.50.00 Lakhs for metro cities and up to Rs.25.00 Lakhs for non- metro cities. Central financial assistance is provided up to 60% of the total approved project cost [up to 90% in case of North Eastern Region (NER) projects] and remaining amount is borne by the recipient State Govt./NGO or concerned organization as its matching share. The state-wise details of the financial assistance released to organizations under the said scheme since F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25 (as on 21.11.2024) are placed at **Annexure**.

(b) and (c): Since 2014, only 3 proposals have been received from the state of Tamil Nadu seeking grant under the scheme, the details of which are as under:

Year	Organization Name	Recommended/ Not Recommended	Remarks
2017-18	Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, 103 (Old No. 50) G.N. Chetty Road, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017	Recommended for financial assistance of Rs. 25,00,000/-.	The recommended financial assistance of Rs. 25,00,000/- has been released to the organization and the case has been closed.
2023-24	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for women, Bharathi Park Road, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu-641043	Not recommended	The application was found incomplete for want of mandatory approval of the Local Civic Authority.
2023-24	Charsur Arts Foundation, 72 M 3 rd Floor, Sruti Aswin Apartments, CP Ramaswamy Alwarpet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Not recommended	The application was found incomplete for want of mandatory documents such as recommendation letter from State Govt., valid Bond and building plan duly certified by the competent authority.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *13 for 25.11.2024

Details of funds released under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres since F.Y. 2020-21 to F.Y. 2024-25 (as on 21.11.2024)

Sl. No.	Financial Year	(Amount in lakhs)									
		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-25	
	State/UT	No. of Orgs	Amount released (Rs.)	No. of Orgs	Amount (Rs.)	No. of Orgs	Amount (Rs.)	No. of Orgs	Amount released (Rs.)	No. of Orgs	Amount released (Rs.)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2.	Assam	2	15.4	2	10.3	1	5.4	0	0	0	0
3.	Bihar	0	0	0	0	1	0.6	1	6	0	0
4.	Chhattisgarh	1	7.5	0	0	1	7.5	0	0	0	0
5.	Delhi	1	6.6	1	10.25	0	0	2	11.20	1	1.25
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1	7.5	3	20.82	1	12.79	1	6	1	12.50
7.	Karnataka	2	14	6	49.8	3	26.4	1	25	0	0
8.	Kerala	0	0	0	0	1	1.4	0	0	0	0
9.	Madhya Pradesh	2	7.26	1	4	1	3	0	0	1	9.00
10.	Maharashtra	1	8.8	2	5.4	0	0	2	8	1	10
11.	Manipur	6	31.1	2	11.93	4	15.98	6	35.23	1	3.27
12.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	00	0	0	1	4.50
13.	Nagaland	3	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Odisha	4	12.73	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	11.25
15.	Punjab	0	0	1	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Rajasthan	1	10	0	0	1	7.5	1	2	0	0
17.	Telangana	1	2.86	0	0	1	4.29	0	0	0	0
18.	Uttarakhand	1	5.51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	West Bengal	2	22.2	3	15.35	5	34.62	1	15	0	0
	TOTAL	29	193.47	22	133.05	20	119.48	15	108.43	7	51.77
