

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2144
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‘SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN ARTISTS’

2144. Shri Anto Antony:

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount allocated for the Scheme for Financial Assistance to Veteran Artists this year, and how much has been disbursed so far;
- (b) the number of veteran artists who have benefited from this scheme over the past five years, with a year-wise breakdown;
- (c) the current number of pending applications for financial assistance under the said scheme; and
- (d) the percentage of total applicants approved for assistance under the said scheme during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The funds allocated for ‘Scheme for Financial Assistance to Veteran Artists’ under BE 2024-25 and amount disbursed so far is given below:

(in Cr.)

Funds Allocated	Amount Disbursed
26.00	14.31

- (b) The number of veteran artists benefited under the scheme during the last five years is given below:

Financial Year	Number of Veteran Artists benefited
2019-20	3188
2020-21	2000
2021-22	3029
2022-23	3651
2023-24	3811

- (c) Release of financial assistance to the selected artists depends on the submission of certain mandatory documents such as, Digital Life Certificate (DLC) once in a year, annual income certificate once in every five years, documents showing receipt of artist pension, if any, from the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Once the requisite mandatory documents are received from them, which is a continuous process throughout the year, all efforts are made to disburse the financial assistance expeditiously.
- (d) As per the scheme guidelines, applications found complete in the preliminary scrutiny are placed before the Expert Committee for evaluation and recommendation on its merits. During the last five years, the percentage of applications approved out of the complete applications is given below:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Numbers of complete applications	Applications approved	Percentage of application approved
1.	2019-20	1208	411	34
2.	2020-21	2603	1821	70
3.	2021-22	2737	2251	82
4.	2022-23	2179	1150	53
5.	2023-24	1868	355	19
