

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *20
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMING ARTISTS

***20. Dr. T Sumathy Alias Thamizhachi Thangapandian:**

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures for the welfare and development of performing artists of traditional art, culture, dance, drama and songs from Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned and released for the welfare of performing artists from the said State during each of the last ten years; and
- (c) the total number of artists who have gone abroad during the last ten years under the cultural exchange programmes and other schemes of the Ministry?

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) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture administers various Central Sector Schemes under which Financial Assistance is provided to eligible cultural organizations/individual artists working in the field of promotion and development of performing arts including traditional art, dance, drama, music etc. across the country including the state of Tamil Nadu. The brief of these schemes is given at **Annexure – I**

(b) Under these Central Sector Schemes, there is no provision for state wise funds allocation. Instead, financial assistance is released directly to the approved cultural organizations and individual artists. The year-wise, scheme-wise funds released to the cultural organizations / individual artists under various schemes in the state of Tamil Nadu during the last ten years are given at **Annexure - II**.

(c) Under 'Global Engagement Scheme' of the Ministry, 263 Troupes with 2348 Artists have participated in 'Festivals of India' abroad during the last ten years. Out of these, 1 Troupe with 3 Artists from Tamil Nadu was deputed to perform in Festival of India held in Russia (2018). In addition, 2 Troupes with 13 Artists, from Tamil Nadu, were deputed to perform in Freedom-70 events held in Czech Republic (2017) and Spain (2017).

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of the Lok Sabha
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**1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF GURU-SHISHYA PARAMPARA
(REPERTORY GRANT)**

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support for all genres of performing arts activities like dramatic groups, theatre groups, music ensembles, children theatre etc. for imparting training to artists by their respective Guru on regular basis in line with Guru–Shishya Parampara. As per the scheme, support is provided to 1 Guru and maximum 18 Shishyas in the field of theatre and 1 Guru and maximum 10 Shishyas in the field of music & dance. The Amount of Assistance for Guru is Rs.15000/- per month and for Shishya, the same is Rs.2000-10000/-per month depending upon the age of artist.

2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE: This scheme has following sub-components:

i. Financial Assistance to Cultural organizations with National Presence

To promote and support cultural organisations with national presence involved in promotion of art and culture throughout the country, this grant is given to such organisations that have a properly constituted managing body, registered in India; having a pan-India character with national presence in its operation; adequate working strength; and have spent 1 crore or more during any 3 of the last 5 years on cultural activities. The quantum of grant under this scheme is upto Rs. 1 crore which can be increased upto Rs. 5 crore in exceptional cases.

ii. Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support to NGOs/ Societies/ Trusts/ Universities etc. for Seminars, Conference, Research, Workshops, Festivals, Exhibitions, Symposia, Production of Dance, Drama-Theatre, Music etc. The maximum grants provided under CFPG is Rs.5 Lakh for an organization which can be increased to Rs. 20.00 lakhs in exceptional cases

iii. Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas

The objective of this scheme component is to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of the Himalayas through research, training and dissemination through audio visual programmes. The financial support is provided to the organizations in the States falling under the Himalayan Region i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. The quantum of funding is upto Rs.10.00 lakhs per year for an organization which can be increased upto Rs.30.00 lakhs in exceptional cases.

iv. Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organization

Under this scheme component financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Buddhist/Tibetan organizations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan Cultural and tradition and research in related fields. The quantum of funding is upto Rs. 30.00 lakhs per year for an organization which can be increased upto 1.00 crore in exceptional cases

v. Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support to NGO, Trust, Societies, Govt. Sponsored bodies, University, College etc. for creation of Cultural infrastructure (i.e. studio theatre, auditorium, rehearsal hall, classroom etc.) and provision of facilities like electrical, air conditioning, acoustics, light and sound systems etc. Under this scheme component, the maximum amount of grant is Rs.50 Lakh in metro cities and Rs.25 Lakh in non- metro cities.

vi. Domestic Festivals and Fairs

The objective of this scheme is to provide assistance for holding the 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs' organized by Ministry of Culture. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are conducted through Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) where a large number of artists from all over the country are engaged to showcase their talents. From November, 2015 onwards, fourteen (14) RSMs have been organized by Ministry of Culture in the country. During last three years, Rs. 38.67 Cr. has been released under this scheme.

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAGORE CULTURAL COMPLEXES (TCC)

The aim of the scheme component is to provide financial support to NGO, Trust, Societies, Govt. Sponsored bodies, State / UT Govt. University, Central/State Govt. agencies/bodies, Municipal Corporations, reputed not-for-profit organizations etc. for creation of new Large Cultural Spaces such as Auditorium with facilities and infrastructure for stage performances (dance, drama and music), exhibitions, seminars, literary activities, green rooms, etc. The Scheme component also provides support for restoration, renovation, extension, alteration, up-gradation, modernization of existing cultural facilities (Rabindra Bhawans, Rangshalas) etc. Under this scheme component, the financial assistance for any project will normally be up to a maximum of Rs. 15.00 crore. Central financial assistance would be 90% of the total approved project cost and remaining 10% of the total approved project cost will be borne by the recipient State Govt./NGO or concerned organization for NER Projects and except NER, there is 60:40 ratio for central assistance and state share (matching share).

4. SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP FOR PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE: The scheme consists of following three components:

i. Scheme for the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture

Upto 400 fellowships (200 Junior and 200 Senior) are awarded in a batch year to outstanding persons in the age group of 25 to 40 years (Jr.) and above 40 years (Sr.) in different cultural fields @ of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. and 20,000/-p.m. for the period of 2 years for cultural research. The Fellowship is released in four equal six-monthly instalments.

ii. Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields

Upto 400 Scholarships are awarded in a batch year. Under this scheme financial assistance is given to young artistes of outstanding promise in the age group of 18-25 years for advanced training within India in the field of Indian Classical Music, Indian Classical Dance, Theatre, Mime, Visual art, Folk, Traditional and Indigenous Arts and Light Classical Music etc. @ Rs. 5,000/- p.m. for 2 years. The Scholarship is released in four equal six-monthly instalments.

iii. Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research

The purpose of the Scheme Component is to invigorate and revitalize the various institutions under the Ministry of Culture (MoC) and other identified cultural institutions in the country, by encouraging scholars/ academicians to affiliate themselves with these institutions to work on projects of mutual interest. Upto 15 Fellowships (Rs.80,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance) and 25 Scholarships (Rs.50,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance) for a maximum period of 2 Years. The Fellowship is released in four equal six monthly installments.

5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN ARTISTS

The objective of this Scheme is to provide financial assistance maximum upto Rs.6.000/- p.m. to the old artistes and scholars aged 60 years above having annual income not exceeding Rs.72,000/- who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of arts, letters etc. In the event of death of the beneficiary, the financial assistance is transferred to his/her spouse.

Annexure – II**Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred
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(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	83.28	67.32	31.74	59.76	14.40	26.59	49.54	17.28	108.6	143.02
2.	Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)	37.00	31.00	35.56	41.37	38.03	14.58	46.15	34.84	18.87	10.73
3.	Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture & Art					5.00	0	5	5	5.00	10.00
4.	Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	596.43	-	-	
5.	Building Grant including Studio Theatre	0	0	0	10	15	0	0	0	0	0
6.	Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field Of Culture	5.40	12.60	34.2	25.2	15.00	6.00	13.80	45.60	24.60	15.00
7.	Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields	0.90	1.50	6.90	3.00	7.50	6.30	7.80	11.10	5.40	15.30
8.	Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research	-	7.80	10.45	-	9.05	-	9.05	-	-	-
9.	Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists	-	-	-	-	19.58	9.92	0.87	15.49	14.6	46.96
