

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.123
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

MEASURES TO SUPPORT YOUNG ARTISTS

123. SHRI MUKESHKUMAR CHANDRAKAANT DALAL:

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to support young artist financially, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of such schemes;
- (c) the amount of budget allocated and utilized under the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to study India's Indigenous Culture and if so, the details of the studies undertaken by the Government; and
- (e) the amount of budget allocated and utilized under the scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) Yes sir, the Ministry of Culture is implementing a financial grant Scheme by the name of 'Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)' to support young artists specialising in various cultural fields such as classical dance forms, indigenous artwork and other traditional art-forms for undergoing advanced training in their respective fields. Under this scheme component, a Scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- per month is provided upto a maximum of 400 Scholars for a period of 02 years in four equal six monthly installments. The selected scholars should be in the age group of 18 years to 25 years and have been undergoing training under any Guru or Institution for a minimum of 5 years. The Scholars are selected on the basis of their performance in a personal interview / interaction before an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry.
- (b) The number of beneficiaries awarded scholarship in the aforesaid scheme during last 03 batch years is given below:-

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
400	400	400

In addition to above, the following number of artists (including young artists) have also been benefited under the scheme of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant) during last 3 financial year:-

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
9326	10140	10497

- (c) Ministry of Culture is administering, inter-alia, a Central Sector Scheme by the name of ‘Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture’ of which ‘Scholarships to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields’ is one of the component. Funds are allocated for the said ‘Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture’ having no separate further component wise allocation of funds. Details of budget allocated and utilised under the Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture (including scheme component of Scholarships to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields) during the last three and current financial years are given as under:-

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Budget Allocated (Rs. in crores)	Budget Utilised (Rs. in crores)
1.	2021-22	21.25	20.24
2.	2022-23	23.68	14.80
3.	2023-24	16.22	15.71
4.	2024-25 (as on 28.01.2025)	16.46	12.56

- (d) Yes sir, the Ministry of Culture is promoting study on different aspects of Indian Culture for undertaking research on Indian Culture, including the indigenous culture, in different fields viz. Indology, Epigraphy, Sociology of Culture, Cultural Economics, Structural and Engineering Aspects of Monuments, Numismatics etc. through its two scheme components namely (i) Award of Senior/Junior Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture (ii) Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research.
- (e) Ministry of Culture is administering, inter-alia, a Central Sector Scheme by the name of ‘Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture’ having following three scheme components:-
- (i) Scholarships to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields.
 - (ii) Award of Senior/Junior Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture and
 - (iii) Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research

Funds are allocated for the said ‘Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture’ having no separate further component wise allocation of funds. Details of budget allocated and utilised under the said scheme (including all its scheme components) during the last three and current financial years is mentioned above at Sl. No. (c).
