

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.182**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3.2.2025

**PROMOTION OF ODISHA CULTURE IN OTHER STATES OF THE COUNTRY**

182. SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current programmes and initiatives taken by the Government to promote Odisha Culture in other States of the country especially key Heritage Sites, Temples, Monuments, Tribal art & Centres etc.;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to organize an inter-State cultural exchange programme, if so, the details thereof and the methods to be used for these initiatives;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to extend financial and logistics support for promoting unique Tribal extravaganza under National Culture fund; and
- (d) the funds allocated for promoting Odisha Culture and Festivals in the current financial year including proposal for next four years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a)&(b) Government, under National Cultural Exchange Programme, organizes programmes/festivals through Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs), where artists from other zones/states are invited to participate and audiences get the chance to enjoy and understand art forms of different regions. Further, Archaeological Survey of India organizes cultural awareness programmes on various occasions like World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week, International Museums Day, Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, etc. through exhibitions, workshops and other programmes involving school and college students and general public to promote culture and monuments including monuments of Odisha in various states of the country.
- (c)&(d) National Culture Fund (NCF) set up by Government, is mandated to preserve & promote tangible & intangible culture heritage of India, including tribal cultural heritage. Ministry of Culture is administering two schemes namely "Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme" and "Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture" wherein financial assistance is provided to the eligible beneficiaries with the broader aim of Promotion and Preservation of Art and Culture. Brief of these schemes alongwith number of beneficiaries (belonging to the State of Odisha) supported during last three years & current financial year are at **Annexure**.

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## ANNEXURE

## ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c)&amp;(d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.182 FOR 3.2.2025

## BRIEF OF SCHEMES ALONGWITH NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES (BELONGING TO THE STATE OF ODISHA) SUPPORTED DURING LAST THREE YEARS &amp; CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

## 1. Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme

Under the scheme of Cultural Function and Production Grant (CFPG), financial assistance is provided to NGOs/ Societies/ Trusts/ Universities for organizing Seminars, Conference, Research, Workshops, Festivals, Exhibitions, Symposia, Production of Dance, Drama-Theatre, Music etc. The details of the number of organizations and financial assistance provided during last 03 years in the State of Odisha under the aforesaid scheme are given below: -

(Rs. in lakhs)

Financial Year							
2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25 (As on 30-1-2025)	
No. of Org.	Fund Released	No. of Org.	Fund Released	No. of Org.	Fund Released	No. of Org.	Fund Released
108	171.40	89	129.60	90	93.60	33	55.80

2. **Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture:** The scheme consists of three components. The names and details of the scheme components are as given below:

- A. Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields:** Upto 400 Scholarships are awarded in a batch year. Under this scheme financial assistance is given to young artists 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 installments.
- B. 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 installments.
- C. 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.

The details of the number of organizations and financial assistance provided during last 03 years in the State of Odisha under the aforesaid scheme are given below: -

(Rs. in lakhs)

2021-22		2022-23		2023-2024		2024-25 (As on 30-1-2025)	
No. of Individual	Fund Released	No. of Individual.	Fund Released	No. of Individual	Fund Released	No. of Individual	Fund Released
183	193.90	114	137.10	187	122.70	52	61.80

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