

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
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PROMOTION OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF HARYANA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being run by the Government to promote the culture and heritage of Haryana State;
- (b) the details of the financial schemes of the programme being run by the Government to support the folk artists of Haryana along with the artists who benefited from it;
- (c) whether the Government has any special scheme to promote the folk artists of Haryana on national and international platforms, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any financial assistance is being provided by the Government to promote the traditional fairs of Haryana, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art & culture and to promote the culture and heritage of the country including Haryana, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. Haryana is a member State of North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala and North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis in their member States including the State of Haryana to promote the culture and heritage of their member States including the State of Haryana.

The grant-in-aid released to NZCC, Patiala and NCZCC, Prayagraj to organize various cultural programmes and activities in their member States including Haryana during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
i.	NZCC, Patiala	530.76	276.51	1067.79
ii.	NCZCC, Prayagraj	984.70	301.51	3553.24

NZCC & NCZCC engage folk artists from their member States including Haryana during various cultural activities & programmes organized by them for which they are paid honorarium, TA/DA, boarding & lodging, local transport etc. The grants provided to folk artists of Haryana by NZCC & NCZCC during the year 2023-24 are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	No. of folk artists benefitted	Amount
i.	NZCC, Patiala	1439	Rs. 91.94 lakh
ii.	NCZCC, Prayagraj	141	Rs. 1.12lakh

Ministry of Culture runs Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant) Scheme under which financial support is provided to folk artists of all genres of performing arts viz. musical groups, dance groups, theatre groups including children theatre, music ensembles etc. Under the scheme, the amount of assistance for Guru (leader of the Group) is Rs. 15,000/- per month and for the Shishya is Rs. 2,000-10,000/- per month depending upon the age of the artist. The grant released to the organizations located in Haryana under this scheme during the last three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of organizations	Amount
i.	2021-22	04	Rs. 30.84 lakh
ii.	2022-23	24	Rs. 93.06 lakh
iii.	2023-24	23	Rs. 124.20 lakh

(c) Ministry of Culture through its ZCCs organizes Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) at national level in the country by providing a platform to a large number of folk artists from all over India including the State of Haryana who showcase their talents during the event. Till date, 14 RSMs and 04 Zonal Level RSMs have been organized by the Ministry of Culture across the country.

Ministry of Culture also implements a scheme titled “Global Engagement Scheme” to promote India’s rich cultural heritage and enhance India’s image in the global arena in a concerted manner. The objective of the Scheme is to provide artists practicing Indian art forms, an opportunity to perform abroad under the banner of ‘Festival of India’. Under the Scheme, artists from diverse cultural fields such as Folk Art including Folk Music, Folk Dance, Folk Theatre & Puppetry, Classical and Traditional Dance, Experimental/ Contemporary Dance, Classical/ Semi Classical Music, Theatre etc. perform in the ‘Festivals of India’ abroad. Ministry of Culture has empanelled 627 artists/groups under various art forms for performing in the Festivals of India abroad.

(d) The North Zone Cultural Centre is an important partner for the Kurukshetra Gita Mahotsav as well as the Surajkund Crafts Mela. Additionally, to promote the traditional fairs/ festivals of the country including Haryana, Ministry of Culture runs a scheme viz. Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme (CFPG) under which financial assistance is provided to organizations for organizing Seminars, Conferences, Research, Workshops, Festivals, Exhibitions, Symposia, Production of Dance, Drama-Theatre, Music etc. The grant released to the organizations located in Haryana under this scheme during the last three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of organizations	Amount
i.	2021-22	24	Rs. 42.43 lakh
ii.	2022-23	28	Rs. 62.59 lakh
iii.	2023-24	36	Rs. 74.72 lakh
