

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**DISCONTINUANCE OF GRANTS TO THEATRE GROUPS**

**4. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV:**

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has discontinued/likely to discontinue matching and production grant of some theatre groups; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of the grant discontinued to the theatre groups during each of the last two years, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)&(b) No sir. Ministry of Culture is administering two schemes namely 'Cultural Function & Production Grant' and 'Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence' which envisages staging of production, festivals etc. in different genres of arts and culture including theatre. Under these schemes, applications are invited yearly for fresh production, festival from cultural organizations for placing the same before the duly constituted Expert Committee. The Expert Committee evaluates these applications and recommends financial assistance based on their cultural profile, quality of proposal and submission of other requisite mandatory documents by these organizations as laid down in the guidelines of these schemes. During the last 3 financial years, following number of organizations working in the field of theatre have been recommended financial assistance under the said schemes:-

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Financial Year		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Cultural Function and Production Grant (CFPG)	889	868	700
2.	Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence	02	07	04
Total		891	875	704

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