

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND FOLK ART OF BHARATPUR

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the status and continued neglect of preservation and promotion of the traditional cultural heritage and folk art of Bharatpur district of Rajasthan, which is gradually diminishing;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes aimed at preserving cultural heritage, providing financial assistance to local artists and promoting cultural tourism; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the inadequate Governmental attention and lack of effective cultural development in the district?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art & culture and to preserve and promote the traditional cultural heritage of the country including Rajasthan, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs). Rajasthan is a member State of West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur; 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 Rajasthan. The ZCCs also implement number of schemes viz. Award to Young Talented Artistes, Guru Shishya Parampara, Theatre Rejuvenation, Research & Documentation, Shilpgram, Octave, and National Cultural Exchange Programme to promote the cultural heritage of their member States including the State of Rajasthan.

Recently, WZCC, NZCC & NCZCC have also undertaken the revival of vanishing art forms viz. Bhapang Wadan, Bahurupi Kala, Sarangi Vadan, Tamasha Folk Theatre, Sanskrut Naatya, Kadtal Vadan, Kalbelia Dance, Dhrupad Gayan, Mand Gayan, Madheran Art, Rawan Hatha Instrument, Mewati Lok Gayan and Kuchamani Khayal Lok Natya of Rajasthan including Bharatpur.

Ministry of Culture has also organized Vilupt Lok Evam Janjatiya Kala Utthan Mahotsav (festival of vanishing art forms) by all the ZCCs at Divisional level across all 7 Zones in collaboration with Ministry of Textiles, Cultural Departments of State Govts, Folklore and Cultural Studies Departments of various State/ Central Universities.

WZCC, NZCC & NCZCC engage folk artists from their member States including Rajasthan during various cultural activities & programmes organized by them for which they are paid honorarium, TA/DA, boarding & lodging, local transport etc.

(b) 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.

To promote the traditional fair festivals of the country including Rajasthan, 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 Rajasthan under this scheme during the last three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of organizations	Amount
i.	2022-23	48	Rs. 81.16 lakh
ii.	2023-24	58	Rs. 82.28 lakh
iii.	2024-25	40	Rs. 61.55 lakh

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 Rajasthan who showcase their talents during the event. Till date, 14 RSMs and 04 Zonal Level RSMs have been organized by the Ministry of Culture. The 14th RSM was held at Bikaner, Rajasthan from 25th February to 5th March, 2023. The event was inaugurated by H.E. the President of India.

The first Zonal Level Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was organized at Kota, Rajasthan on 5th September, 2023. The then Hon'ble Vice President of India graced the event.

(c) Does not arise.
