

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4980
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026**

SAFEGUARDING ARTISTS AND CULTURAL LIVLELIHOODS IN ODISHA

4980. Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo:

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

(a) the details of financial allocation and utilisation under Production Grants, Recurring Grants to repertory groups, Scholarships to Young Artists, Senior and Junior Fellowships and Guru–Shishya mentorship support to beneficiaries from Odisha under Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY);

(b) the criteria adopted for selection of beneficiaries and the measures taken to ensure fair regional representation of Odisha’s classical, folk and tribal art traditions, along with gender balance under KSVY;

(c) whether any assessment has been undertaken regarding the impact of these interventions on sustaining artist livelihoods in Odisha; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to enhance funding or widen coverage in order to strengthen cultural institutions and emerging artists from the said State under KSVY?

ANSWER

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

(a) The details regarding support provided to artists/organizations engaged in performing arts, including music, dance and traditional arts by providing financial assistance and fellowship across the country including the State of Odisha during the last three years under the components of Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojna are given at **Annexure**.

(b) Eligible beneficiaries, i.e., cultural organisations and individual artists are required to submit their applications/ proposals along with all mandatory supporting documents. Applications/ proposals that are complete in all respects are examined by the Expert/ Evaluation Committee constituted by the Ministry for the purpose. The Committee makes its recommendations on the merit of each proposal/ application after due consideration of the provisions of the scheme guidelines, the cultural performances/activities undertaken and other relevant factors.

(c) The Ministry of Culture regularly reviews KSVY to assess its impact on artist’s livelihoods. In addition, wide publicity is given through advertisements in newspapers, the Ministry’s official website, and its social media platforms, as well as those of the concerned

nodal agencies. Further, the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) and the Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) also undertake various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis in the country for which they engage folk/tribal and traditional artists from all over India including the state of Odisha.

(d) The Ministry of Culture has been making continuous efforts to expand the coverage of its schemes aimed at supporting artists and promoting diverse art forms through advertisements in newspapers, the website and social media platforms. Further, the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) and the Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) regularly organize cultural programmes across the country, engaging folk, tribal, and traditional artists and providing them platforms to showcase their talent.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4980 answered on 23.03.2026

Component-wise number of beneficiaries and amount disbursed across the country under KSVY during last three years

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|---------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) |
| 1. | Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant) | 1214 | 7824.70 | 1882 | 10147.60 | 1041 | 7704.70 |
| 2. | Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence | 15 | 1160.40 | 22 | 1216.50 | 28 | 1182.98 |
| 3. | Cultural Function and Production Grant | 2135 | 3275.21 | 2242 | 2455.51 | 1710 | 3225.98 |
| 4. | Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas | 225 | 468.73 | 199 | 372.55 | 48 | 85.75 |
| 5. | Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture & Art | 401 | 2601.00 | 330 | 1557.36 | 385 | 2223.87 |
| 6. | Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres | 20 | 119.47 | 15 | 108.43 | 23 | 150.09 |
| 7. | Financial assistance for construction of Tagore cultural Complexes (TCC) | 1 | 500.00 | 4 | 1556.00 | 1 | 300.00 |
| 8. | Financial assistance for allied cultural activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 120.00 |
| 9. | Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field of Culture | 980 | 1362.60 | 1141 | 1119.00 | 928 | 1189.80 |
| 10. | Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields | 396 | 118.80 | 1507 | 452.40 | 1077 | 325.50 |

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| 11. | Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research (TNFCR) | 0 | 0 | 6 | 35.10 | 19 | 105.51 |
| 12. | Seva Bhoj Yojna | 3 | 143.00 | 2 | 146.00 | 3 | 145.55 |
| 13. | Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists | 3651 | 1859.18 | 3811 | 2896.57 | 4636 | 2609.78 |

Details of number of beneficiaries and amount disbursed in the state of Odisha

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|---------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount (Rs. In lakh) |
| 1. | Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant) | 55 | 289.2 | 115 | 515.29 | 67 | 343.87 |
| 2. | Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 8.75 | 2 | 37.50 |
| 3. | Cultural Function and Production Grant | 180 | 296.8 | 168 | 269.71 | 179 | 482.88 |
| 4. | Financial Assistance for Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture and Art | 1 | 5 | 2 | 12.00 | 2 | 11.00 |
| 5. | Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 21.5 |
| 6. | Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field of Culture | 89 | 129.60 | 90 | 93.60 | 83 | 105.60 |
| 7. | Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields | 25 | 7.50 | 97 | 29.10 | 71 | 21.60 |
| 8. | Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists | 966 | 306.77 | 1460 | 1063.4 | 1995 | 1106.51 |
