

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2393  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015

SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

2393: SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government offers any scholarships to the students for taking up cultural activities like music, dance and theatre:
- (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor:
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote cross cultural understanding between different cultures in India through students: and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM  
AND  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) The Government is implementing Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme (CTSSS) through Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organization under Government of India. Under the scheme, scholarships are provided to students in the age group of 10 -14 years for getting specialized training in various cultural fields including music, dance and theatre. Under the Scheme upto 650 scholarships are awarded every year for a period of two years which is renewable upto the age of 20 years, subject to the awardee maintaining good progress. The value of scholarship is Rs. 3600/- per year, in addition to reimbursement of the actual tuition fee paid to the Guru/Teacher, up to a ceiling of Rs. 9000/- per year. The Government is also implementing a scheme called "Award of Scholarships to Young Artists in different cultural fields" under which 400 scholarships are given every year to young artistes in age group of 18-25 years for advanced training in the field of dance, music , theatre etc. Rs. 5000/- per month is given for period of 2 years to each scholarship holder.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & CCRT organizes National Cultural Festivals, Workshops and Interaction
- (e) Meets from time to time for its scholarship holders to provide them opportunities to exhibit their talent at national level and promote cross cultural activities between different cultures in India. Till date, 2651 students have participated in 36 such National Cultural Festivals.