

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 302
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2016**

DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES

†*302. **SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for the development of cultural centres in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the financial assistance given to such centres for their development, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to grant assistance to the State Governments for organising a three-day programme to commemorate the memory of Sant Kabir, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) To protect, preserve and promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) in the country as per the details given below:

Sl. No.	ZCC	Headquarter	Member States
1.	North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC)	Patiala	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Union Territory of Chandigarh.
2.	Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC)	Kolkata	Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
3.	South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC)	Thanjavur	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Puducherry.
4.	West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC)	Udaipur	Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
5.	South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC)	Nagpur	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Telangana.
6.	North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC)	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, NCT of Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.
7.	North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC)	Dimapur	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The Zonal Cultural Centre at Allahabad caters to the need of the people of the zone including Uttar Pradesh.

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(b) The Ministry of Culture does not release funds to the State Governments and Union Territories. The Ministry of Culture releases annual grant-in-aid to the seven ZCCs for organizing various cultural activities/ programmes throughout the country including Uttar Pradesh. The details of funds released to the ZCCs during the last three years is as under:

(₹ in lakh)				
Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1	NZCC, Patiala	612.35	433.39	1412.50
2	WZCC, Udaipur	429.35	652.39	885.15
3	SZCC, Thanjavur	830.66	336.10	560.56
4	EZCC, Kolkata	537.36	456.54	813.659
5	SCZCC, Nagpur	544.19	319.61	1115.00
6	NCZCC, Allahabad	520.37	345.07	517.37
7	NEZCC, Dimapur	771.94	1431.78	1530.10
Total		4246.22	3974.88	6834.330

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government of India in this regard.