

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 92
ANSWERED ON 20-7-2026**

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

92. Md. Rakibul Hussain:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed financial assistance provided for major cultural festivals, fairs and traditional events in Assam during the last five years;
- (b) whether any reduction in allocation has been observed in recent years;
- (c) the impact of such reduction on local artists, performers and cultural workers; and
- (d) the details of the measures proposed to ensure sustained livelihood support for cultural practitioners?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry of Culture provides financial assistance across the country, including the state of Assam, through various scheme components of Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY), for the promotion, preservation and dissemination of art and culture and periodically reviews the financial assistance provided under schemes via Expert/ Evaluation/ Steering Committee constituted under the respective schemes. The committees examine and reviews eligible proposals received for financial assistance under the various schemes, based on the past cultural performances/ activities undertaken by the applicants and other relevant factors, subject to scheme guidelines.

(b) As such, no specific State-wise allocation is earmarked for cultural festivals, fairs and traditional events. Funds are sanctioned/ recommended under the various scheme components of KSVY on the basis of number of eligible proposals received from organizations and the subsequent recommendations of the Expert/Evaluation/Steering Committee thereon, in accordance with the scheme guidelines. Funds released during last three financial years under KSVY is as under:

Financial Year	Funds Released (in Crores)
2023-24	218.36
2024-25	201.67
2025-26	366.15

(c) No such impact assessment has been done in the Ministry. However, the Ministry continues to support artists, performers and cultural workers through various schemes and programmes implemented directly and through its autonomous organizations, including grants for cultural organizations, repertories, fellowships, scholarships and other promotional initiatives, subject to eligibility and availability of funds.

(d) The Government supports the livelihood of cultural practitioners through financial assistance released under various schemes under Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana. Further, to protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk/ tribal art & culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) and various Akademies which organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis all over India. These ZCCs provide a platform to cultural practitioners by engaging them in various cultural programmes, festivals, workshops and exhibitions organized across their member States. These engagements enable artists to showcase their talent, gain wider exposure and preserve and promote traditional art forms. The artists are also provided honorarium, TA/DA, boarding and lodging, local transport etc. which help supplement their income and encourage them to pursue their art as a sustainable livelihood, thereby contributing to their self-reliance.
