

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

ASSISTANCE/INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO ARTISTS IN UTTAR PRADESH

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Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the artists in Uttar Pradesh who have become jobless due to COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch any assistance/incentive package for the artists in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION**

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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(a), (b) & (c): No Sir, Ministry of Culture has not undertaken any exercise to identify the artists of any state including Uttar Pradesh who have become jobless due to COVID-19 Pandemic. However, it has been continuous endeavour of the Ministry of Culture to provide financial assistance to individuals/group of individuals/cultural organizations working in the field of promotion and development of art and culture through various schemes administered by it whose beneficiaries are selected by Expert Committee on the basis of their cultural profile/proposals. All efforts were made to ensure speedy disbursement of grants/financial assistance to beneficiaries during the COVID period. In this regard, Ministry also took the following initiatives to support artists of all genres during COVID-19 pandemic throughout the country including Uttar Pradesh:

- Artists/organizations that had already been sanctioned grant under various schemes of 'Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY)' were allowed to conduct events in virtual mode so as to enable them to avail benefits and tide over the crisis arisen due to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Exemption was granted to organizations from mandatory inspection for release of yearly grants under the scheme of Repertory Grant.
- One-time exemption was granted to the organizations from filing the expenditure in Expenditure Advance Transfer (EAT) module for release of 1st instalment to the grantees of 43rd and previous meetings under Cultural Function & Production Grant Scheme (CFPG).
- Selection of Senior Fellows for the Batch Year 2019-20 & mid-term and final evaluation of 06 monthly reports of earlier batches (upto Batch Year 2017-18) in respect of both Junior/Senior Fellows was held through virtual mode and financial assistance were released to the selected beneficiaries under the scheme for the Award Of Fellowship To Outstanding Persons in The Field Of Culture
- One time exemption was granted to the veteran artists from submitting the mandatory annual income certificate under the scheme of Financial Assistance to Veteran Artists.

- The seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) provided financial assistance of Rs. 927.83 lakh to the artists during Covid-19 pandemic from April 2020 to mid 2022. Details of programmes/activities organized by ZCCs are as under:-
 - Seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) under Ministry of Culture including North Central Zonal Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj, of which Uttar Pradesh is a member state, organized online programmes wherein folk and tribal artists from all over the country including the state of Uttar Pradesh were provided an opportunity to showcase their talents through webinars, workshops, live performances which were documented and broadcasted on various social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube. These artists were paid remuneration for their online performances.
 - Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) encouraged the folk artists to get registered themselves with their member States in order to avail the schemes announced by the States.

All these efforts by Ministry of culture resulted in an increase in the number of beneficiaries and amount disbursed under various schemes especially Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant), Scheme of Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists, Cultural Function and Production Grant, Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas, Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organization and Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields. The same may be seen in **Annexure – I**.

(d) & (e): Financial assistance under various schemes being administered by this Ministry is already being provided to the artists/organizations of all states/UTs including Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, there is no proposal to launch any specific Assistance/incentive package for the artists of Uttar Pradesh. As stated above, the financial assistance provided under various schemes during the last three years and the current year in the state of Uttar Pradesh is given in **Annexure – II**. From the Annexure, it may be seen that there is an increase in the number of beneficiaries and amount disbursed in the state of Uttar Pradesh under almost every scheme such as Scheme of Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists, Cultural Function and Production Grant, Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organization and Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes.

ANNEXURE - I

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a), (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 150
for 13.02.2023**

(Amount: Rs. in lakhs)

Name of Scheme	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023 (till date)	
	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount
Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	574	3995.74	529	3480.15	573	4248.58	1012	6690.52
Scheme of Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists	3188	1817.60	2000	871.31	3020	1542.16	2555	1344.00
Scheme for the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture	974	832.20	982	888.60	346	509.00	908	1305.6
Scheme for Scholarship to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields	1086	325.80	1265	379.50	1206	390.00	395	118.50
Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research	5	20.73	7	28.25	7	52.25	-	-

Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence	8	701.03	6	930.46	6	758.24	15	907.90
Cultural Function and Production Grant	975	1199.35	1468	1651.90	1615	2331.00	1942	2936.26
Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas	96	229.95	128	336.00	203	473.97	233	466.00
Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture & Art	142	704.97	276	1607.99	367	2206.66	398	2579
Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres	26	273.00	29	193.46	22	133.04	18	115.39
Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities	20	754.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial Assistance for Construction of Tagore Cultural Complexes (TCC)	4	1757.00	1	596.00	2	349.02	-	-

ANNEXURE – II

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 150 for
13.02.2023**

(Amount: Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Scheme	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023 (till date)	
	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount
Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	39	242.84	33	161.57	26	195.32	48	245.20
Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists	8	3.20	9	5.12	46	13.08	36	6.04
Scheme For The Award Of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field Of Culture	52	41.40	114	100.80	103	167.20	117	151.80
Scheme for Scholarship to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields	132	39.60	134	40.20	153	45.90	34	10.20
Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence	1	12.50	1	45.00	1	12.50	2	93.75

Name of the Scheme	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023 (till date)	
	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount	Number of Beneficiaries (Individuals / Organizations)	Amount
Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)	131	126.78	202	167.15	235	274.55	263	334.59
Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Organization	3	6.90	12	50.53	19	110.31	27	195.28