

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1672**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN ARTISTS**

1672. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:  
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:  
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running a scheme named 'Financial Assistance to Veteran Artists' under which financial assistance is provided to those artists who are above 60 years of age and who have contributed/are contributing significantly to the field of art and culture but are facing difficulties due to their old age and ill-health;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the receipt of the documents under this scheme is often delayed which causes irregularity in providing the amount of financial assistance to beneficiaries;
- (d) if so, the specific measures that are being taken to ensure that the beneficiaries receive the said financial assistance on regular basis; and
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned/ spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE,  
TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" for the artists aged 60 years and above who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of art and culture.

- (b) Under the scheme, financial assistance @6000/- per month is given to the selected artists aged 60 years and above whose annual income is not more than Rs. 48,000/- upon receipt of Digital Life Certificate(DLC) once in a year and annual income certificate once in every 5 years.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Non-receipt of documents in time causes delay in disbursement of financial assistance to the beneficiaries. To ensure the disbursement of financial assistance to beneficiaries in timely manner by Ministry of Culture, an MoU has been signed between the Ministry and Canara Bank on 28.06.2023.
- (e) the details of funds released under the scheme during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Fund released (in Cr.)
1.	2020-21	08.71
2.	2021-22	15.42
3.	2022-23	18.59
4.	2023-24 (as on 26.07.2023)	1.89