

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

'Financial Assistance Program for Veteran Artists'

131. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the financial assistance schemes for veteran artists; and
- (b) the details of the funds distributed to veteran artists under this scheme during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of 'Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists' to provide financial assistance to veteran artists aged 60 years and above having annual income not exceeding Rs. 72,000/-. The selected artist is provided maximum financial assistance of Rs. 6000/- per month. The scheme is meant to provide financial assistance for improving the financial and socio-economic status of the old artistes and scholars who have contributed significantly in their active age or are still contributing in the field of arts, letters etc. but due to old age are unable to generate a steady income.
- (b) State-wise details of funds distributed to the veteran artists under the scheme during the last five years are annexed.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 131 due for answer on 22.07.2024

(Rs. In Lakh)

Sl. No.	States	FY-2019-20	FY-2020-21	FY-2021-22	FY-2022-23	FY - 2023-24
		Amount Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Amount Disbursed	Amount Disbursed
1	Andhra Pradesh	22.16	5.10	72.29	84.66	153.30
2	Assam	1.92	0.96	0.48	1.57	2.41
3	Bihar	-	-	-	-	15.47
4	Delhi	-	-	-	-	5.87
5	Haryana	0.04	-	0.93	0.56	3.69
7	Jharkhand	1.11	2.28	3.00	3.59	3.88
8	Karnataka	30.29	29.97	59.55	64.32	341.98
9	Kerala	13.34	8.18	24.49	25.30	64.21
10	Madhya Pradesh	5.41	2.44	5.04	3.86	6.95
11	Maharashtra	85.86	106.61	190.49	273.49	795.97
12	Manipur	3.08	3.36	7.84	0.60	14.70
13	Nagaland	0.04	0.48	0.92	0.12	3.28
14	Odisha	84.04	119.46	276.95	306.77	1063.40
16	Rajasthan	0.87	0.07	1.23	0.71	1.36
17	Tamil Nadu	9.92	0.87	15.49	14.60	46.96
18	Telangana	86.18	53.20	217.29	268.16	274.94
19	Tripura	0.06	0.24	0.92	0.12	-
20	Uttar Pradesh	3.20	5.12	13.08	15.46	67.24
21	Uttarakhand	-	-	-	-	2.43
22	West Bengal	8.26	5.09	12.31	11.71	28.53
	Total	355.82	343.46	902.30	1075.60	2896.57
	LIC*	1461.78	527.85	639.87	783.58	-
	G. Total	1817.60	871.31	1542.17	1859.18	2896.57

* State-wise data in respect of beneficiaries getting financial assistance through LIC till 2022-23 is not available.