

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FOLKLORE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated by the Government for the development of voluntary organisations/individuals which are involved in the folklore; and

(b) the financial assistance provided during the last three years, state-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (Shri Ananth Kumar)

(a)&(b): The Government does not have a Scheme exclusively for development of voluntary organisations/individuals which are involved in the folklore, although it does administer a Scheme whereunder financial assistance is provided to voluntary organisations and individuals engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal/folk art and culture. The scheme addresses itself mainly to well identified tribal/rural and folk art and crafts which have an urgent need for preservation, promotion and disseminate. Assistance extended under the scheme during the last three years was about Rs.22 lakhs for the year 1997-98, about Rs.43 lakhs for the year 1998-99 and Rs.74 lakhs for the year 1999-2000. Assistance is not however extended state-wise.