

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2065

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2002

CULTURAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cultural fairs and festivals are held in India and abroad to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the details of such fairs and festivals held during the last two years alongwith expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the financial assistance/grants given to the State Governments for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which they have increased tourist inflow to places of interests in India and earned foreign exchange?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism gives financial assistance to the States and Union Territories of India for holding fairs and festivals in their respective States/Union Territories. The details of fairs and festivals to which financial assistance has been given in the last two years is enclosed as Annexure-I. & II. Cultural fairs & festival are held abroad but are not organised by Department of Tourism. These Offices only participate in them.

(d): The fairs and festivals are held in various States/Union Territories of India for promoting tourism in the country. The increase or decrease in tourists inflow and foreign exchange earnings to these places cannot be directly attributed to the holding of fairs and festivals as tourism is influenced by various other factors like safety and security, international scenario etc.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2065 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2002 REGARDING CULTURAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 2000-01

Sr.No. Name of the State Name of fairs & festival Amount sanctioned(Rs. in Lakhs)

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| 1. | Bihar | Bauddha Mahotsava | 7.50 |
| | | Rajgir Festival | 0.77 |
| | | Sonepur Fair | 1.25 |
| 2. | Chandigarh | Festival of Gardens | 1.78 |
| | | Chandigarh Carnival | 1.50 |
| 3. | Delhi | Qutab Festival | 1.42 |
| 4. | Haryana | Surajkund Craft Mela | 25.00 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | Kullu Dussehra | 5.00 |
| 6. | Uttaranchal | International Yoga Week | 0.61 |
| 7. | Uttar Pradesh | Bauddha Mahotsava | 5.00 |
| 8. | Rajasthan | Pushkar Festival | 3.45 |
| | | Desert Festival | 3.45 |
| 9. | Andaman & Nicobar | Island Festival | 1.78 |

10. Andhra Pradesh	Lumbini Festival	3.20
11. Goa	Shigmo Festival	5.50
12. Madhya Pradesh	Orcha Festival	5.00
13. Maharashtra	Ellora Festival	2.40
14. Pondicherry	Yoga Festival	1.36
15. Meghalaya	Wangla Drum Festival	0.57
16. Tripura	Festivals (2)	5.4
17. Sikkim	Festival	3.00
18. Jammu & Kashmir	Sindhu Darshan Festival	25.00

Total 109.94

Annexure-II

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2065 ANSWERED 02.12.2002 REGARDING CULTURAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 2001-02

Sr.No.	Name of the State	Name of fairs & festival	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Bihar	Bauddha Mahotsava 1999	1.35
2.	Chandigarh	Carnival Festival	3.50
		Garden Festival at Rose Garden	4.50
3.	Delhi	Qutab Festival	1.42
		Garden Festival	4.13
		Chaudvi ka Chand Festival	1.02
4.	Haryana	Surajkund Craft Mela	25.00
		Kurukshetra Festival	2.50
		Mango Festival	1.32
5.	Himachal Pradesh	Summer Festival	3.00
		Kullu Dussehra	4.55
6.	Orissa	Beach Festival	3.40
		Konark Festival	3.40
7.	Punjab	Food Festival	4.25
		Craft Mela	4.25
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Ayurveda Festival	2.25
		Ganga Water Rally at Varanasi and Allahabad	1.50
9.	Rajasthan	Handicraft & Food Festival at Mumbai	2.50
		Handicraft and Food Festival at Baroda	2.50
10.	West Bengal	Teesta Tea and Tourism Festival By DGHC	3.75
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		Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Festival	2.50
11.	Chhattisgarh	Rajim & Dussehra Festival	10.00
12.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Tarpa & Kite Festival	3.70
13.	Goa	Shigmo & Carnival Festival	4.75
14.	Kerala	Elephant & Malabar Festival	5.12
15.	Maharashtra	Ellora Festival	2.60
		Elephanta Festival	3.62
16.	Madhya Pradesh	National Folk Festival	10.00
17.	Tamil Nadu	Dance Festival Mamallapuram & Natyanjali Festival	3.74
18.	Tripura	Oranga and Tourism Festival	5.00
		Pilak Festival	3.9
19.	Assam	Rangoli Festival	2.25
		Tea Festival	2.25
20.	Mizoram	Kut Festival, 2001	3.4
		Kut Festival, 2002	5.00
21.	Nagaland	Hornbill Festival	2.81
		Monya Festival, 2002	5.00

Total 159.91