

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAIRS AND FESTIVALS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prescribed any guidelines for sanctioning of financial assistance to the State Governments for organizing fairs and festivals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any financial assistance has been extended to Tamil Nadu for organising such fairs and festivals during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): The Government has not prescribed any guidelines for sanctioning financial assistance to State Government for organizing fairs and festivals. However, Zonal Cultural Centres associate with State Govts. in organizing selected fairs and festivals, as decided in their respective Programme Committees and Executive Bodies.

(c) & (d): The South Zone Cultural Centre , an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture had extended financial assistance for organizing fair and festivals. During the last three years the South Zone Cultural Centre allotted funds to Tamil Nadu Government, Art and Culture Department, as per details given below:-

Year Amount allotted (Rs. in lakhs)

2003-04	12.70
2004-05	14.26
2005-06	18.07