

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHILPA GRAM PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the implementation status of the Shilpagram project at Guwahati;
- (b) the details of programmes being implemented in Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra at Guwahati and other cultural centres under clause VI of Assam Accord; and
- (c) the total allocation, amount utilized and achievements made in this regard during the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) North East Zone Cultural Centre began setting up the Shilpagram at Guwahati in December 2003 at an estimated cost of Rs.3.98 crores which was sanctioned by the govt. of India in 2002-2003. Later, this year, another grant of Rs.82.00 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Govt. of India for completion of the Shilpagram. The construction work of Shilpagram is in its final stage and it will soon become functional.

(b) Through out the years of its existence since 1998, the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra is organizing a number of festivals, workshops on various streams of art forms of North East, major art exhibitions, seminars and discussions, lectures series etc. They are also having a ethnographic and heritage museum. The Kalakeshtra has also brought out a large number of publications.

(c ) As part of the Assam Accord, the Govt. of India had given an assistance of Rs.18.85 Crores for construction of the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra. The State Govt., through grants-in-aid, funds the day-to-day functioning of the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra.