

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation made for providing financial assistance to indigent artists for 2005-06 and 2006-07;
- (b) the number of artists benefited from the scheme during 2005-06;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce any new policy for providing financial assistance to indigent artists; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to(d): The Budget allocations made under the scheme of financial assistance to indigent artists for 2005-06 was Rs 3 crores and for 2006-07 is Rs.3.95 crores. A total number of 1460 artists benefited from the scheme during 2005-06. There is no proposal at present to introduce any new policy for providing financial assistance to artists in indigent circumstances.