

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

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SCHEME FOR REPERTORY THEATRE GROUPS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for supporting the repertory theatre groups in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of repertory theatre groups which are being supported under this scheme;
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the leading theatre groups have not been receiving the grant for the last two years;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Department of Culture is running schemes for supporting repertory theatre groups
- (i) Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Art projects and
 - (ii) Scheme of Building Grant to Cultural Organisations. A total of 239 repertory theatre groups were supported under these schemes in the year 2005-06.

All theatre groups selected for receiving grants are being given financial assistance regularly and there has been no change in this position in the last two years.