

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISTS MUSICIANS .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any scheme to provide financial assistance to the indigent artists/musicians;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) The number of artists/musicians provided financial assistance under the said scheme during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) : Ministry of Culture is operating the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and such other walks of life who are in indigent circumstances. The benefit of the Scheme is available to the dependents also. Financial assistance of Rs.2,000/- per month is released by Ministry of Culture directly to the artistes. The Ministry also extends assistance in collaboration with State/UT Governments. Under this, the Ministry provides Rs.1500/- to the artistes directly, while the balance Rs.500/- is paid to the artistes by the State/UT Governments.

(c) The total number of artistes assisted as under:

2003-2004	843
2004-2005	904
2005-2006	1470