

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4260

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CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF ARCHIVAL RECORDS

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for conservation and preservation of archival records in the country particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of few records of great santh and philosophere of Orissa, Sri Achyutananda Das, are still at large;
- (d) the steps taken to preserve these archival records for future generation; and
- (e) the steps are being taken for preservation and protection of Oriya language, culture and heritage?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) Year-wise financial assistance granted to Orissa, under the scheme for financial assistance for development of State Govt. Archival Repositories, Libraries and Museums is as follows :-

Year	Amount (Rs.)
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1988-89	2,47,000/-
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1992-93	3,32,000/-
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2003-04	6,30,000/-
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c) No, Sir.

d) Does not arise.

e) While the preservation and protection of Oriya language, Culture and Heritage is primarily carried out by the State Government, the Central Government also helps through a variety of Schemes and Central Institutions. Language and Culture is protected and promoted through the various Akademies and the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, selected monuments are protected and preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India, and the culture and heritage of Orissa gets preserved and promoted through a number of schemes under visual and performing arts.

In addition, the Central Government operates a scheme for grant of financial assistance to the State Archives for preservation of the documentary heritage, such as, public records, manuscripts, rare books, etc.

The Central Government has also set up National Manuscripts Mission, which help in the conservation and cataloguing of rare

manuscripts of the State.