

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GRANTS TO CULTURAL ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme for providing grants to Cultural Organisations;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) the number of organisations, if any, which have got benefits under the scheme; and
- (d) the total amount made available to these organisations during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

a): Yes, Sir. There are several such schemes.

b): The mandate of Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of art and cultural heritage. To this end, various schemes administered by the Ministry provide financial assistance to cultural organisations. These are listed below:-

1. Financial Assistance for Building and Equipment Grants to Cultural Organisations.
2. Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Arts Projects. The scheme has two parts:
 - (a) Production Grants to be given for approved projects and programmes in these areas.
 - (b) Salary Grants assistance to performing arts groups, to help them establish themselves in their field.
3. Financial Assistance for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture.
4. Financial Assistance for Safeguarding and Supporting Masterpieces of Intangible Heritage of Humanity.
5. Financial Assistance for Research Support to Voluntary Organisations Engaged in Cultural Activities.
6. Financial Assistance for Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas.
7. Financial Assistance for Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums.
8. Financial Assistance for Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art.
9. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations/societies for Development and Maintenance of National Memorials.
10. Financial Assistance for Celebration of Centenaries/Anniversaries of Important Personalities.

(c) and (d) The number of organisations benefitted under these schemes and the total amount made available to them during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of Organisations Benefited	Total amount (Rs.)
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2005-06	1914	43,75,27,685
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2006-07 1944 60,57,25,875

2007-08 1883 28,26,35,997