

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4133
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MUSIC AND DANCE SCHOOL FOR WEAKER SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals to set up music and dance schools for economically weaker sections in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount that has been sanctioned by the Government for promoting Indian performing arts during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government provides support for performing arts, chiefly through the Salary and Production Grant scheme of the Ministry of Culture. It also give funds to the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National School of Drama, the seven Zonal Cultural Centres and the Kalakshetra Foundation. Amounts sanctioned by the Government in this regard during the last three years are as under:-

| Year | Amount sanctioned (Rs. in crores) |
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| 2007-08 | 80.27 |
| 2008-09 | 110.83 |
| 2009-10 | 109.44 |