

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to promote cultural development in Bihar and other States;
- (b) the States where cultural development works have been taken up to promote culture during the year 2009-2010;
- (c) the facilities being provided to cultural artists;
- (d) whether the cultural artists are abandoning their art slowly over the years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Culture has taken up steps to promote cultural development all over the country, including Bihar, through its respective Zonal Cultural Centres and various schemes as 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.
11. Scheme for Scholarship to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields.
12. Scheme for award of Fellowships to Outstanding persons in the field of culture
13. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Seminars festivals and exhibitions on cultural subjects by Not-for profit Organizations.

Under the Scheme mentioned at S.No. 2 above, during the year 2009-10, 99 organizations including one from Bihar have been recommended for Salary Grant. Further, 459 organizations/individuals including 18 from Bihar have been recommended Production Grant.

(d) & (e): The Ministry has not received any specific information in the matter from any state. However, it is possible that on account of better opportunities perceived through urbanization, modernization and globalization the younger generation may get attracted towards occupations other than traditional arts and related occupations.