

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:478  
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FUND TO NGO FOR CULTURAL FESTIVALS DEVELOPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry of Culture has provided funds to NGO's for organizing Cultural Festivals and Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from various States NGO's including Bihar for cultural festival and Development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount of sanction granted to various NGO's State-wise during the last three years and current-year?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes Sir;
- (b) & (c): Ministry of Culture under its Scheme of Financial Assistance renders financial assistance for seminars, festivals and exhibitions on cultural subjects by Non-profit organizations. Under this Scheme, grants to various NGOs have been given, including those located in Bihar.
- (d) The details of amount of grant sanctioned to various NGOs state-wise during 2007-08, 2009-2010 and the current year is enclosed at Annexure 'A'. As the scheme was under revision during 2008-09, no grant was released during that year.