

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:483  
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NORMS FOR BUILDING CULTURAL HALL  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the norms for building cultural hall in rural areas under the existing scheme in the Ministry of Culture;
- (b) the amount that could be sanctioned by the Government in this regard and the amount sanctioned during the last three years and the current year to various cultural organisations;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Maharashtra to build cultural hall; and
- (d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Under the existing scheme for Building Grants to Cultural Organisations, only those organisations which are primarily working in the field of culture for at least 5 years and have been registered atleast for a period of 2 years under the provision of Registration of Societies Act (XXI of 1860) or similar acts, or as a Trust, and are recommended for assistance by the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations or the academies duly authorized by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations for this purpose, are considered for grants-in- aid.

The amount of grant, however, will not at any time exceed the amount collected and/or spent by the organisation from other sources including the State Government/U.T. Administration.

(b) As per the existing scheme, the maximum financial assistance admissible to an organisation for building construction is Rs.15.00 lakhs. During the last three years, Rs. 5.50 crore have been sanctioned to various cultural organizations. During the current financial year, Rs.40.75 lakhs have been sanctioned so far.

(c)&(d) The Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for renovation and upgradation of Rabindra Natya Mandir. The Ministry of Culture is seized of the proposal.