

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether cultural centres in the country have been graded;
- (b) if so, the details of such centres in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to cultural centres in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to club various cultural dance forms and create a new style to improve tourism in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Central Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres having headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. Details of funds released to these Cultural Centres during the last three years are as indicated below:

2007-08: Rs. 1674.13 lakhs  
2008-09: Rs. 2616.19 lakhs  
2009-10: Rs. 2116.40 lakhs

Funds for the Zonal Cultural Centres are not allocated by the Government State-wise.

- (d) No, sir.
- (e) Does not arise.