

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3971  
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CONSERVATION OF BUDDHIST CULTURE  
Kataria Shri Lal Chand;Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to provide special incentive to the work relating to protection /conservation and promotion of Buddhist art and culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the voluntary Buddhist organizations/ Buddhist shrines under their schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to encourage research activities in this field; and
- (f) if so, the incentive schemes proposed in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir. There is no new proposal in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) The Central Government already has a Scheme of financial assistance for the preservation and development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art. The objectives of the scheme are to give financial assistance to the voluntary Buddhist/Tibetan Organizations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and tradition and research in related fields. The grant is provided to the Voluntary Institutions/ Organizations and Societies registered as Societies under Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) or similar Acts.

The financial assistance is given for all or any of the following purposes:-

S. No.	Items	Amount
		(Per Annum)

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| i.   | Maintenance/Research Project  | Rs.1,00,000/- |
| ii.  | Repairs, restoration & renovation of ancient Monasteries etc. of historical and cultural importance | Rs.1,50,000/- |
| iii. | Award of Fellowships/ Scholarships/ Holding of Special Courses                                      | Rs.1,25,000/- |
| iv.  | Purchase of books, documentation, cataloguing   | Rs.1,25,000/- |
| v.   | Construction of Hostel Buildings  | Rs.5,00,000/- |
| vi.  | Salary of teachers where organization is running a school imparting monastic education              | Rs.7,00,000/- |

An amount of Rs.4.74 crores has been provided in the Ministry's budget of 2010-11 for this scheme including Rs.1.24 crores under North Eastern Region pool.