

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010
NATIONAL CULTURE FUND
Rane Dr. Nilesh Narayan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds available in the National Culture Fund as on 31-10-2010;
- (b) the allocation made out of the said fund during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Public Private Participation has been permitted for execution of protection/conservation projects under the scheme of National Culture Fund; &
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to impress upon State Governments for creation of similar fund in the respective States; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.38 ASKED BY SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV, M.P. REGARDING NATIONAL CULTURE FUND FOR REPLY ON 10-11-2010.

As on 31-10-2010 the National Culture Fund has a Corpus Fund of Rs.19.50 crores and a Secondary Corpus (Interest earned over the years) of Rs.11.49 crores

The secondary corpus is applied to meet the expenses towards administration of the Fund. All projects relating to tangible heritage are funded through contributions from the Corporate Sector. Those in the field of intangible heritage, however, are financed on a matching share basis by the NCF from its Secondary Corpus. The matching share made/to be made by NCF in the last 3 years and current year are given at Annexure-I; these are done project wise and not State-wise.

NCF was set up with the primary aim to associate the civil society including corporates entities with heritage preservation. Besides conserving and protecting built heritage, the scope of NCF also covers promotion of existing art and culture traditions in the field of intangible heritage. List of projects undertaken by NCF is enclosed as Annexure-II.

The State Governments are encouraged to use the NCF model for establishing similar ventures in association with Civil Society including Corporate Sector.