

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEARNING CARNATIC AND HINDUSTANI MUSIC
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is giving scholarships to school children for learning the art of carnatic music, Hindustani music, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of scholarship sanctioned in this regard;
- (c) the total number of children awarded scholarships in various fields during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of scholarship and the number of school children for awarding scholarships annually; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Scholarships are given to talented children for learning the art of Carnatic Music, Hindustani Music etc. under the Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme being implemented by the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, New Delhi, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture. The scholarship comprises (i) reimbursement of an amount of upto Rs. 9000/- per annum paid to the Guru/Institution as tuition fees and (ii) payment of Rs. 3600/- per annum to the child.

(c): The total number of children awarded scholarships in various fields during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise, are given at Annexure - 'A'.

(d) & (e): No, Sir. The total number of scholarships that can be granted in a year, has been increased from 400 to 520 from the year 2008-09 and the reimbursement of tuition fees paid by a scholarship holder to the Guru/ Institution has been increased from Rs. 3600 to Rs. 9000/- per annum with effect from 01-04-2010.