

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3451

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2010

RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT OF SALARY GRANT

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal for renewal and enhancement of the salary grant for another 21 artists and one more Guru for Mobile Drama Troop "Shiva Sanchara" in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered the proposal;

(d) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(e) the time by which the amount allocated is likely to be released?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e): The Central Government has received from Sri Shivakumara Kala Sangha (R), Sanehalli, Karnataka, the proposal for renewal of their salary grant and for enhancement of artistes and Guru for their mobile drama troop "Shiva Sanchara – the Rural Theatre Repertory", from existing 8 artistes and 1 Guru to 20 artistes and 2 Gurus. The proposal was placed before the Expert Committee in its meeting held on 3rd & 4th June 2010 for consideration and recommendation. The Committee recommended renewal of their salary grant but did not recommend enhancement in the number of artistes as the Organisation did not provide sufficient justification in support of their request. The number of Gurus, in any case, could not have been increased to two, as only one Guru is permitted for any organisation.

The salary grant of the organisation for the year 2009-2010, amounting to Rs.6,96,000/- has been approved and released on 11.11.2010.