

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4640  
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010  
PRESERVATION OF INDEGENOUS CULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to uplift and preserve various indigenous culture in the country including in Assam and other North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details of the specific schemes implemented in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & b). Yes, sir. The major ongoing schemes of Ministry of Culture to uplift and preserve various indigenous culture in the country including Assam and other North-Eastern States are given at Annexure. The assistance under the schemes is given to deserving persons and organizations from all over India, including North-Eastern States on the basis of scheme-specific criteria, without examining them from a State-wise angle.

(c) Does not arise.

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 4640 FOR 8-12-2010 REGARDING PRESERVATION OF INDIGENOUS CULTURE

1. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Arts Projects. The Scheme has two parts:
  - a. Production Grants to be given for approved projects and programmes in these areas.
  - b. Salary Grants assistance for performing arts groups, to help them establish themselves in their field.
2. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Seminars, Festivals and Exhibitions on cultural subject by Not for Profit Organizations (Cultural Functions Grant Scheme).
3. Scheme for Building Grants to Cultural Organizations.
4. Financial Assistance for Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas.
5. Financial Assistance for Promotion and Strengthening of Regional and Local Museums.
6. Financial Assistance for Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art.
7. Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations/ Societies for Development and Maintenance of National Memorials.
8. Financial Assistance for Celebration of Centenaries/Anniversaries of important Personalities.
9. Scheme for Scholarship to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields.
10. Scheme for Award of Fellowships to Outstanding persons in the field of Culture.