

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANISING CULTURAL EVENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is organising cultural events in small towns and districts to promote the art and culture of various States including in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the funds released and spent during the said period; and
- (d) the response received so far from each State?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Zonal Cultural Centres organise cultural events in small towns and districts, in addition to those in big cities. The aim of organizing these events is to promote art and culture of various States, including Andhra Pradesh.
- (b)& (c): During the last three years, various Zonal Cultural Centres in the country were released Rs. 1674.13 lakhs (2007-08), Rs. 2616.19 lakhs (2008-09) and Rs. 2116.40 lakhs (2009-10) for organizing cultural events in small towns and big cities to promote art and culture. In the current year Rs.2195.16 lakhs have been released to the Zonal Cultural Centres, so far.
- (d) The cultural events organised all over India are well received by the audiences.