

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up Regional Cultural Centres in each State to promote and encourage the development of culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the financial assistance provided in this regard and the time by which these centres are likely to be set up, State-wise;
- (d) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to construct/open sky theatres in Maharashtra for promotion of Adivasi dance and Maharashtra Lok Kala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) While there is no proposal to set up 'Regional Cultural Centres', the Government has set up seven 'Zonal Cultural Centres' (ZCCs) across the country, having headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objective of these Centres is the development, preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional arts of the country. The States covered by each of these Centres have been detailed in the Annexure, and some states are served by two ZCCs.

Funds have been provided to the Zonal Cultural Centres in the previous three years and current year as under:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Financial Year	Amount Released
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2007-08	1674.13
2008-09	2616.19
2009-10	2116.40
2010-11	2195.16 (as on date)

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.