

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ZONAL CULTURAL CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the mandate of zonal cultural centres in the country;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made on the performance of such centres as against their mandate;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the zonal cultural centres are facing resource crunch; and
- (e) the details of the annual allocation made to each centre during the last three years and the quarter-wise release of funds during the current financial year, centre-wise?

Answer

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

(a) The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The mandate of the ZCCs is to extend support to the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the folk and traditional arts and culture of the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy was set up in 1994 to review the functioning of these ZCCs. The Committee, in its report, recommended greater outreach, more emphasis on tribal/folk art, documentation of rare & vanishing arts forms, better co-ordination with National and State Akademies and patronage to young and upcoming artistes.

In August, 2010, the Government has set up another Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) to review the functioning and performance of the seven ZCCs. The tenure of this Committee is upto 11.03.2011.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The requisite details are as under:

(`in Lakhs)				
Name of ZCC	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
(as on date)				
1.NZCC, Patiala	259.54	292.00	234.14	I Qtr-228.00
	II Qtr-30.00			
	III Qtr-00.00			
	IV Qtr-62.00			
2.EZCC, Kolkata	334.77	557.69	342.19	I Qtr-143.73
	II Qtr-30.00			
	III Qtr-00.00			
	IV Qtr-70.00			
3.SZCC, Thanjavur	269.07	239.16	331.76	I Qtr-168.57
	II Qtr-30.00			
	III Qtr-00.00			
	IV Qtr-00.00			

4.WZCC,Udaipur	155.79	452.94	274.93	I Qtr-228.00
II Qtr	-30.00			
III Qtr	-00.00			
IV Qtr	-68.00			
5.NCZCC,Allahabad	177.73	316.49	240.58	I Qtr-168.15
II Qtr	-90.00			
III Qtr	-00.00			
IV Qtr	-158.00			
6.NEZCC,Dimapur	314.54	435.91	518.00	I Qtr-255.40
II Qtr	-15.00			
III Qtr	-00.00			
IV Qtr	-262.36			
7.SCZCC,Nagpur	162.68	322.00	174.80	I Qtr-180.83
II Qtr	-30.00			
III Qtr	-00.00			
IV Qtr	-97.12			
Total	1674.12	2616.19	2116.40	2345.16