

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2043  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2011  
PROMOTING CULTURAL HERITAGE  
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme/programme/project for conserving and promoting the local culture and literary heritage in various States in the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture operates a number of Schemes for promotion and development of art and culture in the country. It provides grants or financial assistance to Institutions, individuals, NGOs, Voluntary Cultural Organisations and Government-aided Cultural Organizations, fulfilling the criteria prescribed under the respective Schemes. The operation of schemes is however not undertaken on State-wise basis, nor are any funds released to the State Governments.

The details of ongoing schemes have been given in the Annexure.

(c): Details of the funds allocated for the various schemes during the last three years and the current year are as under:

S.No Name of Scheme Amount Spent (In lakhs)

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
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(till  
25.8.2010)

1. (i) Scheme for Scholarship to Young Artistes in different Cultural Fields.	450.00	581.00	650.00	222.75
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(ii) Scheme for award of Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture.

2. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Seminars, Festivals and Exhibitions on Cultural Subjects by Not-for-Profit Organisations.	64.01	Nil	150.00	125.00
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3. Scheme of Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individual Engaged for Specified Performing Arts Project	217.00		18.66	
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4. Annual Award 47.92 46.06 68.50

5. Translation Prize 37.68 29.99 28.61

6. Bhasha Samman 6.10 0.85 3.19

7. Tribal literature & Oral Tradition 9.38 19.02 24.39  
Project

8. Language Development Board 0.51 0.83 0.61