

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PENSION SCHEME FOR ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any pension scheme for the artists;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds allocated for this scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Maharashtra and Rajasthan;
- (c) the number of artists benefited under this scheme, State-wise including Maharashtra and Rajasthan;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the pension amount for the artists under the said scheme;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is known as the "Scheme of Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and Such Other Walks of Life Who May be in Indigent Circumstances and Their Dependents".

(b) The funds under the Scheme are not allocated State-wise. Total allocation of funds for last 3 years and current year is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Plan	Non Plan
2007-08	3.20	1.55
2008-09	3.45	1.46
2009-10	6.80	1.89
2010-11	10.72	2.20

(c) The State-wise number of artistes benefited under this scheme is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e) The amount of monthly honorarium has been increased from Rs. 2000/- to Rs. 4000/- in the last financial year (2009-10).