

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHHAU DANCE  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide scholarships to artists/students for training in Chhau dance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of the scholarship; and
- (c) the number of students availing the scholarship during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Scholarships are awarded to young artistes in different cultural fields, including Chhau dance, under the Scheme 'Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields'. In a year, upto 400 candidates are awarded scholarships @ Rs.5000/- per month for a period of two years, for all categories put together. The number of young artistes awarded scholarships in the field of Chhau dance during last three years is as under:-

Year    No. of Scholarships awarded

2008-09	10
2009-10	6
2010-11	6