

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL CULTURE FUND
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objectives for setting up of a National Culture Fund (NCF);
- (b) the details of expenditure incurred out of the NCF on each project undertaken since the inception of the said fund;
- (c) the details of the extent to which the said objectives of the NCF has been achieved; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage more contributions to the fund?

Answer

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

- (a) The main objectives for setting up of a National Culture Fund (NCF) was to mobilize resources from government, non-government agencies, private institutions and individuals for the restoration, conservation, protection and development of the rich cultural and natural heritage of India and to encourage Public Private Partnership.
- (b) Details of project/work undertaken with contribution from funds of NCF is at Annexure.
- (c) Thirty six projects, both tangible and intangible, have been undertaken by NCF through funding from PSUs/Corporate Sector etc out of which ten projects have been completed.
- (d) It is a continuous process through which Government has been making efforts to enthuse the different Ministries/Departments to encourage the PSUs/Corporates under their control to contribute to NCF's cause through their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Mandate.

Recently a publicity drive Show was organized in Bengaluru with, the corporate sector (especially Confederation of Indian Industries) for the purpose of encouraging corporate sector to contribute to NCF.