

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4304
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CONSTRUCTION OF THEATRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give financial assistance for construction of drama theatres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Kerala to set up studio theatres in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture is operating a scheme of "Building Grants, including Studio Theatres" under which financial assistance is provided to voluntary cultural organizations and government-aided cultural organizations to create appropriately equipped training, rehearsal and performance spaces for artistes, which include drama theatres. The scheme has been published for public information on website of the Ministry: www.indiaculture.nic.in

(c) & (d): Three proposals have been received from Kerala under the said scheme. The details of these proposals are as under:-

(i) Gandhi Seva Sadan Kathakali & Classic Arts Akademy, Perur, Palakkad District has applied for construction of a building for conducting classes for Chenda, Maddalam, Kathakali Music, Vesham, etc. at a total cost of Rs.23.50 lakhs.

(ii) Fine Arts Society, Kuruppampady, Ernakulam District has applied for construction of an auditorium at a total cost of Rs.25.00 lakhs.

(iii) Kothamangalam Arts & Literary Association, Kothamangalam, Ernakulam District has applied for modification and upgradation of auditorium, etc. at a total cost of Rs.66.00 lakhs.