

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF OPEN AIR THEATRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of open air theatres in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government implements any scheme or takes any initiative to promote open air theatres in the country especially in rural areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the same during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has constructed any theatre including open air theatres in Haryana during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) The information on open air theatres in the country is not centrally maintained.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The Government implements the 'Scheme of Building Grants, including Studio Theatres' under which financial assistance is provided to cultural organizations for construction, renovation, upgradation, modernization, etc. of various types of cultural spaces, including theatres, studio theatres and open air theatres both in rural and urban areas. The scheme was launched in January, 2011 to replace the erstwhile Scheme for Building Grants to Cultural Organisations. Allocation and expenditure incurred under these schemes in the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in Crores)		
Year	Allocation (at R.E. stage)	Expenditure
2009-10	2.10	1.30
2010-11	3.90	1.12
2011-12 (till date)	3.00	1.10

- (d & e) The Government only provides financial assistance to cultural organizations for construction of theatres including open air theatres under the scheme.