

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR CULTURAL CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is giving any financial assistance to cultural centres in the country including the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the major activities of the centre during the said period ?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of financial assistance provided to seven Zonal Cultural Centres including South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No. Year Rs. in Crore

- i. 2009-10 21.16  
ii. 2010-11 23.45  
iii. 2011-12 27.60

(c): The major activities undertaken / organized by South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur during the last three years are as under:

(i). Parampara Festival, 2009 (ii). Workshop-cum-Seminar on children Folklore (iii). Natyotsav Dance Festival (iv). Devi Nava Sangeetha Natyotsav (v). Music and Folk Dance Festival (vi). Maamannan Raja Cholan's 1024th Iyppassi Sadhaya Vizha (vii). Purandara Dasa Festival(viii). Lokrang Festival (ix). 161st Birthday Celebrations of Raja Ravi Varma (x). 20th Anniversary of Drama Competition (xi). National level Exhibition and Food Festival, 2010 (xii). 119th Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan (xiii). Abhinaya National Multi Lingual Theatre Festival (xiv). Commonwealth Games, 2010 (xv). Oo-Tea Festival (xvi). Dashra Festival (xvii). Attolu-Eidu Island Festival (xviii). Drama Theatre Rejuvenation (xix). Shilpagram Utsav (xx). Lokjoyotsav and Lokotsav (xxi). Tribal Festival, 2011 (xxii). Gulbarga Utsav (xxiii). Documentation of Contemporary Modern Art, Biography on Aringnar Anna, Folk songs and village Deity songs, Study materials of Veena and Violin, Four art forms of Thanjavur Paintings i.e. Karagam, Kavadi, Metal Icons & Therukoothu, Mapping of Heritage and Culture Tourism in Andhra Pradesh, etc.