

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH WORK IN CULTURAL INSTITUTION  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to allow Indian and Foreign Scholars to take up projects or research work in cultural Institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also invited visiting scholars to join various cultural organisations in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of response on such invitations till date?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A new scheme namely the "Scheme for Visiting Fellows in Art, Culture & Heritage" has been introduced from the current year, under which Fellowships are to be awarded to Indian as well as foreign scholars for undertaking research projects in the field of art, culture and heritage. The Scheme has been introduced with the objective of invigorating and revitalizing the various institutions supported by or under the Ministry of Culture. The scheme presently covers 17 institutions listed at Annexure.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Each 'Fellow' selected under the Scheme will be attached to the institution concerned, as the objective of the Scheme is to provide such institutions with academic expertise, to induce academic orientation in their activities and to provide interaction with visiting academics from other institutions.
- (e) The Scheme has been announced on 11th November, 2009 and the first cut off date for receiving application/nominations is 31st January, 2010.