

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1612  
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WELFARE OF CULTURAL ARTISTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by the Union Government for the welfare of cultural artists in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to formulate any new scheme for the welfare of cultural artists;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any grants, pension and honorarium have been given to cultural artists during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a): Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme namely "Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and Such Other walks of life who may be in Indigent Circumstances and their Dependents". Financial assistance under this scheme is in the form of a monthly allowance of Rs. 4000/-

The Zonal Cultural Centres under the Ministry, through their Schemes, endeavour to develop and promote various arts and heritage in the respective Zones. Under their Schemes, honorarium /remuneration is given to artists on monthly rates or for days of performance.

(b) and (c): Government is seized of the matter of further extension of the Scheme of "Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and Such Other walks of life who may be in Indigent Circumstances and their Dependents" by including an element of 'National Artists Welfare Fund' in the Scheme.

(d) & (e): (Rs. in crores)  
The amount given during the last three years and current year is as under:

1. Honorarium/remuneration given to Artists by Seven Zonal Cultural Centres

45.45	66.06	82.37	36.37
(2009-10)	(2010-11)	(2011-12)	(2012-13)

2. Financial Assistance to persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and Such Other walks of life who may be in Indigent Circumstances and their Dependents

8.69	12.92	11.94	10.35
(2009-10)	(2010-11)	(2011-12)	(2012-13)