

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6534
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MODERNISATION OF TAGORE THEATRE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a project proposal seeking Central grant for modernisation of Tagore Theatre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the said proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the grant as recommended by the National Appraisal Committee, is likely to be provided for the said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) The proposal from Government of Kerala under "Tagore Cultural Complexes" Scheme for renovation of Tagore Theatre, Thiruvananthapuram was placed before the National Appraisal Committee meeting held on 28.02.2012. The total cost projected by Government of Kerala was Rs. 47.30 crore and assistance sought from Ministry of Culture was Rs. 34.85 crore. The National Appraisal Committee (NAC) in the above meeting approved the DPR (excepting for the mini cinema theatre block proposed therein) to the extent of Rs. 41.05 crore and recommended a grant of Rs. 24.60 crore by Ministry of Culture, subject to further appraisal by SFC. Further, as recommended by the NAC, the sub-committee visited Thiruvananthapuram on 23.07.2012 for fine-tuning the DPR and reviewing the incorporation therein of a management plan. The report of the Sub-committee is awaited. On receipt of the same, the proposal will be processed for the appraisal by SFC, subject, however, to availability of funds.