

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF BUDDHIST TIBETAN CULTURE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided/proposes to provide financial assistance every year to voluntary institutions/ organisations for preservation and development of Buddhist/ Tibetan culture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, institution/organisation and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether any other religion and State culture is proposed to be included for such financial assistance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)& (b) The Ministry of Culture implements a scheme for Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided Voluntary Organizations for undertaking different programmes. The details of the grant provided to voluntary organizations during the last three years and the current year/organization wise, State/ U.T- wise is as per Annex.

(c) to (e) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture revolves around the functions like preservation and conservation of our cultural heritage and promotion of all forms of art and culture, both tangible and intangible. In order to implement the given mandate this Ministry implements various schemes and activities to promote and preserve the art and culture of all States and UTs.