

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to provide monthly financial assistance/honorarium to the artists/ persons renowned in the field of literature and other similar field who are facing acute financial constraints;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of such artists benefitted under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the said monthly financial assistance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be increased and awarded?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Government is implementing a 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. An amount of Rs. 4,000 p.m. and Rs. 3,500 p.m. under Central and Central-State Quota respectively is granted to artistes/writers who have made significant contribution in the field of arts, letters etc.

List of artistes benefitted under the Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is available on the website of the Ministry of Culture (www.indiaculture.gov.in) at the following URL: indiaculture.nic.in/indiaculture/pension-grant.html

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) above.