

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING ARTS ARTISTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that some artists are living in miserable conditions in various parts of the country due to the indifference of the Government towards folk art and culture;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard indicating their names and fields of profession; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the interests of such artists?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) Government has not received any representation in this regard.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Government implements the following schemes for artists:
  1. National Cultural Exchange Programme
  2. Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme
  3. Young Talented Artistes Scheme
  4. Documentation of Vanishing Art Forms
  5. Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme
  6. Shilpagram Activities
  7. Loktarang – National Folk Dance Festival and OCTAVE - Festival of the North-East
  8. 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.