

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL TALENT SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement scholarship scheme in various art forms for children between the age group of 10 and 14;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, art-wise;
- (c) whether the amount of scholarship being given to budding artists is too meager;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of scholarship given to such artists; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to rationalize and increase the scholarship amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (e): Madam, the Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme for the children in the age group of 10 to 14 years is already under operation. The scheme provides financial support to the children in various cultural fields namely: Indian Classical Music (Vocal & Instrumental), Light Music, Classical Dances & Music, Traditional Art & Indigenous Art Forms, Theatre, Puppetry and Visual Arts etc. Under the scheme the selected child is provided -
- (i) scholarship of Rs. 3600/- per year (Rs. 300/- per month); and
 - (ii) actual Tuition Fee paid up to Rs. 9000/- per year (Rs. 750/- per month). Constraint of funds does not permit any enhancement in the scholarship.