

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR CIRCUS ARTISTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that circus artists in the country are facing great difficulties for their survival as slowly the charm and attraction of circus is going down due to television and cinema;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch any special scheme to promote/revive circus and benefit circus artists in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said scheme is likely to be launched; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for welfare of circus artists?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a) No formal study has been undertaken by the Ministry of Culture on this matter. However, it is a fact that in this age of globalization, due to changing lifestyle, livelihood and shift to popular means of entertainment, some forms of performing arts are declining.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Presently, there is no proposal to launch any special scheme for circus artists.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) There is no specific Scheme under the Ministry of Culture for granting financial assistance to Circus artistes. However, there are certain grant Schemes i.e. Performing Arts Grants Scheme and Artiste Pension Scheme against which the scope of participation by individual Circus Artists can be explored in the light of relevant Scheme Guidelines.