

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 is implementing schemes to grant scholarship/financial assistance to artists in the field of performing arts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for providing financial assistance under the schemes;
- (c) the amount of scholarship/financial assistance being provided to each artist under the scheme, art and state-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on the schemes along with the number of persons benefitted under the scheme during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to preserve and promote various traditional folk and tribal arts across the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes Madam. The Government is implementing two Schemes namely "Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields" to grant scholarship/financial assistance to artists in the field of performing arts in order to promote them in their respective fields and "Scheme for Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture" for research oriented projects in various fields of Art and Culture.

(b) Under the scheme of Scholarship, up-to 400 scholarships are given every year to young artistes in the age group of 18-25 year for advance training in the field of Indian Classical Music, Dance, Theatre, Visual Art, Folk and traditional and indigenous Art etc.

Under the scheme of Fellowship up-to 400 (200 Junior in the age group of 25-40 years and 200 Senior in the age group of above 40 years) Fellowships are given every year to outstanding persons in the fields of art and culture. For both the Schemes online application are invited every year and meritorious candidates are selected on the basis of their performance/interview by the Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry.

(c) Under the Scheme of Scholarship each selected artist is given scholarship of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of two years. Under the Scheme of Fellowship each selected Junior Fellow is given fellowship @ 10,000/- per month and Senior Fellow @ Rs. 20,000/- per month for a period of two years. There is no art and state-wise quota in both the Schemes.

(d) The funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on both the Schemes along with the number of persons benefitted under the schemes during each of the last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of persons benefitted under Scholarship	No. of persons benefitted under Fellowship	Amount allocated (In lakh)	Expenditure incurred (In lakh)
2013-14	400	377	776.00	776.00
2014-15	400	398	1123.30	1123.30
2015-16	212	177	1835.00	1835.00

(e) The Government has set-up seven Zonal Cultural Centres having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur with objective to preserve, promote and disseminate the traditional folk and tribal arts and culture of all the states/union territories. The Government has been carrying out various activities and organising programmes at the national, Zonal and local levels through their Zonal Cultural Centres to preserve and promote various folk and tribal arts across the country.