

**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) the criteria fixed and guidelines laid down for providing financial assistance/pension/honorarium to the artists including old-aged artists/persons renowned in the field of Letters, Arts, and similar other fields of culture under various schemes run by the Government;
- (b) the details of proposals/requests/applications received by the Government in this regard from the States including Maharashtra along with the action taken on each of these proposals/requests during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of pending proposals/requests along with the reasons for their pendency during the said period and the time by which these are likely to be cleared; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to enhance the financial assistance including pension amount to the cultural artists and if so the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Ministry of Culture administers Schemes known as Performing Art Grants Scheme and Artistes Pension & Welfare Fund Scheme under which financial assistance/Pension is granted to the artistes including old-aged artists/persons renowned in the field of Letters, Arts and similar other fields of culture. The details of the said schemes are placed at Annexure-I.
- (b) State-wise data of proposal/requests/applications recommended for financial assistance under these Schemes including from the State of Maharashtra, during each of the last three years are at Annexures II, & III.
- (c) As per the provisions of the relevant scheme guidelines, meetings of the concerned Expert Committees are held at regular intervals of time and all the proposals/applications/requests received before the commencement of such meetings are placed before the Expert Committees for consideration.
- (d) As at present there is no proposal to enhance financial assistance including pension amount to the cultural artists.