

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:105

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARTISTS

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government is implementing any scheme 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 scheme;
- (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 scheme along with the number of persons benefited under the scheme during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to preserve and promote various folk arts across the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 105 FOR 1st DECEMBER, 2014.

(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 scholarship 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) Fellowship are given every year to outstanding persons in the fields of art and culture. Junior fellows are given fellowship @Rs.10,000/-pm and Senior Fellows @20,000/- pm for a period of 2 years.

For both the schemes online application are invited every year and meritorious candidates are selected on the basis of their performance/interview by Expert Committees constituted by the Ministry.

(c) Under the scheme of Scholarship each selected artist is given scholarship @ 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. The amount of Scholarship and Fellowship is released in 4 six-monthly instalments. There is no art and state-wise quota in both the Schemes.

(d) The funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on both the schemes of Scholarship and Fellowship during the last three years, year wise along with the number of persons benefited under both the schemes during the last three years are as under:-

Year	No. of persons benefited under Scholarship	No. of persons benefited under Fellowship	Amount allocated (In lakh)	Expenditure incurred (In lakh)
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2011-12	400	400	651.00	648.99
2012-13	400	377	1035.00	1000.00
2013-14	400	398	776.00	776.00

(e)The Government has set-up seven Zonal Cultural Centre having their headquarter at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Deemapur, 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 arts across the country.