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Title: Need to sanction the salary grants for the year 2009-10 to 20 artistes and one Guru in the Shivakumara Kalasangha Shivasanchara in Chitradurga district, Karnataka.

SHRI G.M SIDDESHWARA (DAVANGERE): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the kind attention of the Union Government to the need for sanctioning the salary grants for the year 2009-10 for 20 artists and one Guru in the Shivakumara Kalasangha Shivasanchara, Sanehalli, Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka.

Shivasanchara is a reputed Theatre Repertory of Karnataka and was founded as part of the decennial celebrations of Shivakumara Kalasangha in the year 1997. A group of 20 rural artists are selected every year and trained in histrionics under the expert guidance of theatre directors. The artists are paid monthly honorarium and provided free boarding and lodging during their period of training. In addition, the Shivasanchara is regularly organizing various activities like Yearly Drama Festival from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, Training Camp for Children, Seminars, Printing of Books and Street Plays with a view to strengthen their troops to render greater service in this field. For this purpose, they have demanded a financial assistance for payment to 20 Artists and one Guru for the year 2009-10.

I have written so many letters to the Ministry in this regard. And even after my personal meeting with the then Minister, the Ministry of Culture has not so far sanctioned the grant to this Kalasangha.

Keeping in view of the above, I urge upon the Union Government to sanction the financial grants to the Shivakumara Kalasangha at the earliest so that they can improve their activities further.