

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4678  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2019**

**PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL CULTURE**

**4678. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes any action plan for the preservation and promotion of languages, folk dances, art and culture of the tribals in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of the financial assistance given to various agencies/Non Governmental Organisations for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) To protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk dances, art and culture of the tribals in the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis throughout the country.

Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, encourages the preservation and promotion of languages, especially the unrecognized and tribal languages. The Akademi periodically organizes language conventions throughout the country in this regard.

(b) Annual grant-in-aid is provided only to the above seven ZCCs by Government of India for carrying out various cultural activities. The details of the annual grant-in-aid released to these ZCCs during the last three years and the current year are as under:

**(Rs. in lakh)**

Sl. No.	Name of ZCC	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as on date)
1	NZCC, Patiala	642.21	818.15	997.60	133.82
2	WZCC, Udaipur	895.26	784.12	1130.00	249.49
3	SZCC, Thanjavur	841.27	529.05	513.45	79.44
4	EZCC, Kolkata	861.32	603.60	782.50	250.48
5	SCZCC, Nagpur	588.43	726.38	703.16	238.87
6	NCZCC, Prayagraj	491.58	619.35	1033.39	235.88
7	NEZCC, Dimapur	1765.00	609.06	792.59	130.65
<b>Total</b>		<b>6085.07</b>	<b>4689.71</b>	<b>5952.69</b>	<b>1318.63</b>