

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. ‡3479  
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**PROMOTION OF FOLK ART AND MUSIC IN BHIWANDI**

**‡3479. Shri Balya Mama Suresh Gopinath Mhatre:**

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of artists, folk artists, artisans and cultural organizations benefited from Government schemes in the Bhiwandi region of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme to promote local folk art, folk music and traditional handicrafts;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish a cultural centre, museum or art gallery in Bhiwandi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Culture is implementing Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY) under which financial assistance is provided for promotion of art and culture including local folk art & folk music across the country including the State of Maharashtra. The brief of the various scheme components under KSVY are given at **Annexure-I**.

Further, being a Central Sector Scheme, no district-wise data has been maintained under KSVY. Accordingly, the number of beneficiaries, including cultural organizations and artists benefitted, across the country including the State of Maharashtra under the sub-schemes of KSVY during last financial year i.e. 2025-26 is at **Annexure-II**.

In addition, the Ministry of Culture has set up South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur and West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur to protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art & culture of their member States which include Maharashtra (Bhiwandi). These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis for which they engage folk/ tribal artists from their member States including Maharashtra (Bhiwandi) to participate in the cultural programmes/activities/festivals organized by them.

A number of stalls are also set up during these programmes, where artisans from various parts of the country, including Maharashtra, exhibit and sell their handmade products, thereby creating livelihood opportunities and promoting traditional crafts.

6101 artists/ artisans of Maharashtra have been benefitted by these ZCCs during the last three years.

(c) At present, no such proposal is under consideration to establish a cultural centre, museum or art gallery in Bhiwandi.

(d) Does not arise.

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a&b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3479 due for answer on 10.08.2026**

**1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF GURU-SHISHYA PARAMPARA(REPERTORY GRANT)**

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support for all genres of performing arts activities like dramatic groups, theatre groups, music ensembles, children theatre etc. and imparting training of artists by their respective Guru on regular basis in line with Guru-Shishya Parampara. As per the scheme, support is provided to 1 Guru and maximum 18 Shishyas in the field of theatre, music & dance. The Amount of Assistance for Guru is Rs.15000/- per month and for Shishya, the same is Rs.2000-10000/-per month depending upon the age of artist.

**2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE:**  
This scheme has following sub-components :

**i. Financial Assistance to Cultural organizations with National Presence**

The objective of this scheme component is to promote and support cultural organisations with national presence involved in promotion of art and culture throughout the country. This grant is given to such organisations that have a properly constituted managing body, registered in India; having a pan-India character with national presence in its operation; adequate working strength; and have spent 1 crore or more during 3 of the last 5 years on cultural activities. The quantum of grant under this scheme is Rs.1.00 crore which can be increased to Rs.5.00 crore in exceptional cases.

**ii. Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)**

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support to NGOs/Societies/Trusts/ Universities etc. for Seminars, Conference, Research, Workshops, Festivals, Exhibitions, Symposia, Production of Dance, Drama-Theatre, Music etc. The quantum of grant under this scheme is Rs.5 Lakh for an organization which can be increased to Rs. 20.00 lakhs in exceptional cases.

**iii. Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas**

The objective of this scheme component is to promote and preserve the cultural heritage of the Himalayas through research, training and dissemination through audio visual programmes. The financial support is provided to the organizations in the States falling under the Himalayan Region i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. The quantum of grant is Rs.10.00 lakh per year for an organization which can be increased to Rs. 30.00 lakh in exceptional cases.

**iv. Financial Assistance for the Preservation & Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Organization**

Under this scheme component financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Buddhist/Tibetan organizations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan Cultural and tradition and research in related fields. The quantum of funding under scheme component is Rs. 30.00 lakhs per year for an organization which can be increased to 1.00 crore in exceptional cases.

#### **v. Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres**

The objective of this scheme component is to provide financial support to NGO, Trust, Societies, Govt. Sponsored bodies, University, College etc. for creation of Cultural infrastructure (i.e. studio theatre, auditorium, rehearsal hall, classroom etc.) and provision of facilities like electrical, air conditioning, acoustics, light and sound systems etc. Under this scheme component, the maximum amount of grant is up to Rs.50 Lakh in metro cities and up to Rs.25 Lakh in non- metro cities.

#### **vi. Domestic Festivals and Fairs**

The objective of this scheme is to provide assistance for holding the 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs' organized by Ministry of Culture. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are conducted through Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) where a large number of artists from all over the country are engaged to showcase their talents. From November, 2015 onwards, fourteen (14) RSMs have been organized by Ministry of Culture in the country.

### **3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAGORE CULTURAL COMPLEXES (TCC)**

The aim of the scheme component is to provide financial support to NGO, Trust, Societies, Govt. Sponsored bodies, State / UT Govt. University, Central/State Govt. agencies/bodies, Municipal Corporations, reputed not-for-profit organizations etc. for creation of new Large Cultural Spaces such as Auditorium with facilities and infrastructure for stage performances (dance, drama and music), exhibitions, seminars, literary activities, green rooms, etc. The Scheme component also provides support for restoration, renovation, extension, alteration, upgradation, modernization of existing cultural facilities (Rabindra Bhawans, Rangshalas) etc. Under this scheme component, the financial assistance for any project will normally be up to a maximum of Rs. 15.00 crore. Central financial assistance would be 90% of the total approved project cost and remaining 10% of the total approved project cost will be borne by the recipient State Govt./NGO or concerned organization for NER Projects and except NER, there is 60:40 ratio for central assistance and state share (matching share).

### **4. SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP FOR PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE:** The scheme consists of following three components:

**i. Scheme for the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons** in the field of Culture Upto 400 fellowships (200 Junior and 200 Senior) are awarded in a batch year to outstanding persons in the age group of 25 to 40 years (Jr.) and above 40 years (Sr.) in different cultural fields @ of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. and 20,000/-p.m. for the period of 2 years for cultural research. The Fellowship is released in four equal six monthly installments.

#### **ii. Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields**

Upto 400 Scholarships are awarded in a batch year. Under this scheme financial assistance is given to young artistes of outstanding promise in the age group of 18-25 years for advanced training within India in the field of Indian Classical Music, Indian Classical Dance, Theatre,

Mime, Visual art, Folk, Traditional and Indigenous Arts and Light Classical Music etc. @ Rs. 5,000/- p.m. for 2 years. The Scholarship is released in four equal six monthly installments.

### **iii. Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research**

The purpose of the Scheme Component is to invigorate and revitalize the various institutions under the Ministry of Culture (MoC) and other identified cultural institutions in the country, by encouraging scholars/ academicians to affiliate themselves with these institutions to work on projects of mutual interest. Upto 15 Fellowships (Rs.80,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance) and 25 Scholarships (Rs.50,000/- p.m. + Contingency Allowance) for a maximum period of 2 Years. The Fellowship is released in four equal six monthly installments.

## **5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN ARTISTS**

The objective of this Scheme is to provide financial assistance maximum upto Rs.6.000/- p.m. to the old artistes and scholars aged 60 years above having annual income not exceeding Rs.72,000/- who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of arts, letters etc. In the event of death of the beneficiary, the financial assistance is transferred to his/her spouse.

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a&b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †3479 due for answer on 10.08.2026**

The number of beneficiaries, including cultural organizations and artists benefitted, across the country including the State of Maharashtra under the sub-schemes of KSVY during last financial year i.e. 2025-26

| Sl. No. | Name of the Scheme                                                                              | No. of Cultural Organizations/ Artists |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1       | Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)                                                        | 2517                                   |
| 2       | Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme (CFPGS)                                           | 2073                                   |
| 3       | Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence                           | 48                                     |
| 4       | Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research                                                | 12                                     |
| 5       | Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field of Culture               | 1733                                   |
| 6       | Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields                          | 1733                                   |
| 7.      | Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres                              | 12                                     |
| 8.      | Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities                                             | 2                                      |
| 9       | Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists                                                        | 5145                                   |
| 10.     | Financial Assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas | 138                                    |
| 11.     | Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art                    | 704                                    |

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