

poster/painting competitions etc. on 22nd April, 1990 to arouse environmental consciousness among the people of our country.

(c) All the activities organised or initiated on Earth Day are on a continuing basis.

Encouragement of Performing Artistes

*291. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI CHOTUBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been Government's policy to encourage the performing artistes in promoting art and culture

(b) whether Government have provided some concessions/facilities to the artistes for furtherance of the cause of art; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the nodal agencies channelising these facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Government does provide encouragement to performing artistes as it does to other artists and organisation as well for promoting art and culture.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

S. No.	Concession/Facility	Nodal Agency
1.	Allotment of Government accommodation under Artist's Quota.	Department of Culture Ministry of Human Resource Development.
* 2.	Exemption to non-profit making institutions, of customs duty leviable on goods gifted by donors abroad or purchased out of donations received in foreign exchange for promotion of arts or culture or both.	Do.
3.	Travel Subsidy for foreign travel	Do.
4.	Emeritus Fellowships to the most eminent artists . . .	Do.
5.	Fellowships to outstanding artists.	Do.
6.	Scholarships to young workers in different cultural fields	Do.
7.	Financial assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts etc. who may be in indigent circumstances.	Do.
8.	50% concession for rail travel in second class for bonafide professional parties.	Indian Railways (Chief or Divisional Commercial Superintendent, Area Officer etc.) on recommendations of Central or State Sangeet Natak Akademies)
9.	50% concession for rail travel to amateur artists . . .	Indian Railways (Chief or Divisional Commercial Superintendent, Area Officer etc.)