

### Neglect of Orissa

1997. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is deliberately neglecting Orissa State; and

(b) the total amount released for Orissa and percentage of its utilization in last three years, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Protecting and Promoting Indian art and Culture all over the country is a major task of the Ministry of Culture and assistance is given to deserving persons/organization on the basis of Scheme-Specific criteria. Therefore the question of neglecting any State, including Orissa, does not arise.

(b) During the last three years, the following amounts have been released to various organizations based in Orissa State:

Sl.No.	Organisation/Schemes	2007-08 to 2009-10
1	2	3
1.	Lalit Kala Akademi	Rs. 50,000/-
2.	Scheme of Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individual engaged for specified Performing Arts Projects.	Rs. 82.80 Lakh
3.	Scheme of Building Grant to Cultural Organizations.	Rs. 42.42 Lakh
4.	Scheme of Financial Assistance to persons distinguished in letters, Arts and such other walks of life and their dependents who may be in indigent circumstances.	Rs. 1,71,60,000
5.	Amount released to National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences, Orissa in connection with 2550th Anniversary of Mahaparinirvana of Lord Buddha commemorated from May 2006 to May 2007.	Rs. 1.50 Lakh

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6.	Amount released for the MPCC project at the Kalamandal (Bhubneshwar).	Rs. 1.30 Crore
7.	Amount released under Scheme of Grant of Assistance to NGOs for celebrating Centenaries and Anniversaries.	Rs. 1,00,000 (Srasta Orissa) Rs. 50,000 (The Lifeline Mission, Bhubneshwar) Rs. 85,000 (Shyamsunder Sangeet Mahavidyalaya, Orissa) Rs. 25,000 (Pallichetna Orissa)

#### **Heritage status for old house of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay**

†1998. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether condition of old house of Late Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, the author of Vandemataram is not good;
- (b) whether people have demanded to give it the status of heritage monument; and
- (c) Government's point of view in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir. The old house of Late Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, is in a good state of preservation.

(b) and (c) No such demand has been received in this regard and there is no proposal under the consideration of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

#### **Proposal for Assistance for Museums from Madhya Pradesh**

†1999. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.