

(d) whether Government has received any reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cultural Programmes organized/being organized during the last three years and the current year by the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) include Lok Tarang, Octave, Prakriti, National Theatre Festivals, Summer Workshop for Children, SAARC Folklore Festival, Hampi Utsav, Mega Event of TRIFED, Diu Festival, 'Lehar the Wave'-National Festival of Coastal Arts, Dweep Mahotsav, International Children's Film Festival, Sonapur Mela, Golden Beach Festival, Orange City Craft Mela and Folk Dance Festival, Lawani Mahotsava, Pimpri Chinchwad Festival, Parampara Mahotsav, Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Zonal Cultural Centres, Yatras, holding of exhibition, release of Coffee Table Book *etc.*

(c) The funds are released to ZCCs for implementing various schemes in the member States/UTs by the respective ZCC. The State of Maharashtra is member state of South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur and West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur. The expenditure incurred by SCZCC and WZCC in organizing the cultural programmes in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year is as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)		
Sl. No.	Year	Amount
i.	2009-10	92.06
ii.	2010-11	213.87
iii.	2011-12	231.48
iv.	2012-13	17.40

(d) The programmes were generally well received.

Neglect of excavated sites in Chhattisgarh

†2660. DR . BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allotted by the Ministry to Chhattisgarh;

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- (b) whether many sites excavated in Chhattisgarh are being neglected;
- (c) whether the renowned Shirpur archaeology department in Chhattisgarh is also being neglected by the Central Government;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the reasons for neglecting the other sites with lots of possibilities emerging out of excavations in Chhattisgarh despite the interest shown by the Archaeological Department in this regard; and
- (f) whether Central Government is merely assigning the responsibility to the Archaeological Department of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The details of amount allotted to Raipur Circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Chhattisgarh for conservation and preservation of monuments, excavation of ancient sites, providing facility to the tourists and awareness programmes are as under:

Year	Funds allotted
2011-12	365.50 lacs
2012-13	386.00 lacs (provision)

(b) to (f) None of the sites excavated in Chhattisgarh are being neglected by Archaeological Survey of India. There is no Shirpur archaeology department in Chhattisgarh.

Shifting of Tipu Sultan firing house for a railway line

2661. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government proposes to shift the Fire House of Tipu Sultan, which is a historical monument, to make way for a railway line; and
- (b) whether any financial allocation has been made by Government to take up this work?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) There is no proposal by the Central Government, to shift the Fire House of Tipu Sultan (*i.e.* Tipu's Armoury) at Srirangapatna.