

### Funds for spreading and improving culture

283. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated to the Ministry in the last three years for improving its performance in spreading culture;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made in the last three years to rejuvenate the rich cultural heritage and tradition in different parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has conducted any study to know as to how Zonal Cultural Centres are performing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The funds allocated to the Ministry in the last three years for various activities programmes of cultural organizations and Departmental schemes of the Ministry are as under:

(₹ in crore)	
Year	Total Funds Allocated
2011-12	1338.00
2012-13	1447.00
2013-14	2164.00

(b) and (c) In the last three years, Ministry of Culture has implemented a large number of Schemes and Programmes aimed at rejuvenating the rich cultural heritage and tradition in different parts of the country.

(d) In August, 2010 Ministry of Culture constituted a Committee on Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) under the Chairmanship of Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, MP (RS). Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra and Shri Amol Palekar were the other members of this Committee. The Committee was required to look into the function and performance of the seven ZCCs set up in the country. The Committee submitted its Report on 11th April, 2011.

### CAG Report on ASI

284. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that report by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) exposed that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is not in a position to protect the country's museums and monuments;