

Budget allocation for South Zone Cultural Centre of Thanjavur

1465. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government along with the funds allocated and released to promote performing arts as tourism ventures in major cities of India for last two years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the budget allocation made for South Zone Cultural Centre of Thanjavur;
- (c) the location-wise programmes organized by the said centre so far along with the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two years and the current year; and
- (d) the calendar of events along with their details, proposed to be held by the said centre during the forthcoming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur with the objectives to preserve, promote and disseminate the traditional folk and tribal arts and culture of all the States/ Union Territories (UTs). The Government provides regular plan support to these ZCCs for implementation of various schemes to promote folk and tribal arts and culture which also help in promotion of tourism. The details of the funds released to all ZCCs during the last two years and the current year are as under:

(₹ in lakh)

| 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
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| 2159.15 | 4246.22 | 3829.55 |

The details of budget allocated to South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur during the last two years and the current year are as under:

(₹ in lakh)

| 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
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| 95.04 | 315.66 | 318.10 |

(c) The number of programmes organized by SZCC, Thanjavur in its member States as well as in some other States and the expenditure incurred thereto during the last two years and the current year are as under:

(₹ in lakh)

| State/UTs | No. of programmes | Expenditure incurred |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 09 | 43.97 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 12 | 58.12 |
| Karnataka | 25 | 98.60 |
| Kerala | 56 | 130.56 |
| Lakshadweep | 01 | 12.91 |
| Puducherry | 32 | 41.22 |
| Tamil Nadu | 213 | 391.39 |
| Telangana | 01 | 15.95 |
| Other States | 22 | 48.93 |
| TOTAL | 371 | 841.65 |

(d) The calendar of events for the forthcoming year has not yet been finalized by the SZCC, Thanjavur.

Restoration of Gohale Hall in Sivaganga

1466. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is identifying the ancient and cultural heritage locations in smaller municipal areas and help them to restore the structure and amenities by direct funding; and

(b) if so, whether Government would restore 'Gohale Hall' in Sivaganga town and make it a museum of historical location with first freedom fight movement from Rani Velu Nachiar period to national movement till India's independence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Government maintains and develops ancient and cultural heritage sites/ monuments which are notified as Centrally Protected