

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to promote the folk artists of Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether Government is contemplating to promote the local folk songs and folk dances of Chhattisgarh all over the country; and
- (e) the details of the funds spent for promoting folk songs and folk dances of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) To protect, preserve and promote various forms of art and rich cultural heritage throughout the country including Chhattisgarh, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

(c) and (d) South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture organizes various cultural programmes and activities showcasing folk songs and folk dances of the 7 States of the zone including Chhattisgarh throughout the country by engaging folk artists from the zone with 7 States including Chhattisgarh.

(e) The details of the funds spent for promoting folk songs and folk dances of Chhattisgarh during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	Amount (₹)
2013-14	16,57,200/-
2014-15	10,35,000/-
2015-16	5,01,000/-
2016-17	8,33,000/-

**Construction of complex for National Kathak Institute in Lucknow**

35. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decision has been taken to construct a complex for National Kathak Institute under Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme in Lucknow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure involved;
- (c) whether any request has been received to release the central assistance for completion of the complex; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the assistance released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has approved the project of construction of complex for National Kathak Institute at Lucknow which covers an area of 4510.65 Square Metres with a provision of 494 seater auditorium, green rooms, practice hall, dancing hall etc. The total cost of the project is ₹ 15.00 crore.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Total amount of Central Assistance sought is ₹ 9.00 crore out of which ₹ 1.05 crore has been released.

#### **Construction of natyashala/auditorium**

36. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of a Natyashala/Auditorium in between Mathura and Vrindavan for which five acres of land has been decided to be allocated;

(b) what would be the total expenditure involved for construction of the Natyashala/Auditorium;

(c) the amount of expenditure that has to be borne by the Uttar Pradesh Government;

(d) whether Government proposes to provide central assistance from the Tagore Cultural Complex Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No Sir. This Ministry does not provide land for the construction of any project under Tagore Cultural Complexes Scheme.

(b) The total project cost indicated by the Government of Uttar Pradesh is ₹ 2314.27 lakhs.

(c) The amount of expenditure that has to be borne by the Government of Uttar Pradesh is ₹ 925.71 lakhs.

(d) and (e) The total amount of Central Assistance sought is ₹ 1388.56 Lakh and this Ministry has recommended to release an amount of ₹ 2.50 lakh for preparation of Detailed Project Report.