

Cultural development in Gujarat

1307. SHRI JUGALSINH MATHURJI LOKHANDWALA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal from the State of Gujarat for cultural development during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of the said proposals;
- (c) the names of the proposals, which have been given clearance;
- (d) the names of the proposals which have not been given approval as on date including the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the amount of funds sanctioned/allocated for cultural development in Gujarat during the last three years, the details thereof, work-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (e) Details of proposals received from the State of Gujarat for cultural development during the last three years and action taken thereof are given in the Statement.

Statement*Details of Action Taken on proposal for Cultural Development in Gujarat*

| Sl. No. | Details of proposals | Year | Action taken |
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| 1 | National Salt Satyagraha Memorial, Dandi | 2017-18 | The approved amount for the project was ₹89.14 crore, out of which an amount of ₹ 62.15 crore has been released so far. Project completed and inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 30th January, 2019. |
| 2 | Development of 21 night halt places of Dandi Yatra | 2017-18 | Completed at a cost of ₹ 16.07 crore and annual maintenance of ₹ 1.70 crore released. |
| 3 | Organising print making and painting camps by Lalit Kala Akademi at SGVP International School, Ahmedabad | 2018-19 | 39 artists participated in the camp. |

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| 4 | Proposals received from different libraries of Gujarat for assistance | 2017-19 | Financial assistance of ₹ 5.15 crore provided to 152 libraries. Due to incomplete proposals or non-furnishing of utilization certificates, funds could not be released to remaining proposals. |
| 5 | Heritage restoration and setting up museum at Alfred High School, Rajkot | 2018-19 | The project was originally received in Ministry of Culture. However, Ministry of Tourism implemented it and Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated it in 2018. |
| 6 | Proposal received from Gujarat Government for live audio, video broadcasting of cultural and spiritual activities at various temples | 2018-19 | Financial assistance of ₹ 2.7 crore released. |
| 7 | Sangeet Natak Akademi organized Swararpan and Sur-Poorva Festivals and Shreshth Bharat Sanskrjti Samagam | 2016-18 | Financial assistance of ₹ 1.62 crore released. |
| 8 | Grants to Cultural Institutions by Sangeet Natak Akademi, (SNA) New Delhi. | 2016-19 | Financial assistance of ₹ 1.80 crore released. |
| 9 | Organizing plays on Gandhi by Shri Rajchandra Mission, Dharmpur | 2018-19 | Financial assistance of ₹ 50 lakh sanctioned. |
| 10 | Organizing Dandi Mahotsava by Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad | 2018-19 | Financial assistance of ₹ 20 lakh released. |
| 11 | Proposal from Government of Gujarat regarding widening of Dandi Heritage Path | 2018-19 | The issue was discussed in meeting of High Level Dandi Memorial Committee on 30.6.2018 which was attended by representatives of Government of Gujarat, CPWD, IIT Bombay, Prominent Gandhians. It was made clear that Ministry of Culture does not undertake any road related work and the Dandi Heritage Path was undertaken as a special case. |
| 12 | Proposal from Hon'ble MP Shri Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava for widening/strengthening of Gandhi Heritage Path from Kareli to Pildur and Vedach to Gajera. | 2018-19 | This proposal of widening/strengthening of road is not covered under the project of Dandi Heritage Path. The present two stretches of path are already pucca roads. |

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| 13 | National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) received a proposal from Gujarat Science City, Ahmedabad for setting up of Space Science Astronomy gallery | 2018-19 | NCSM has requested Gujarat Science City for submission of a detailed project report. |

Protection of endangered languages and dialects

1308. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian languages or dialects that have gone extinct in the last three years;
- (b) the number of endangered Indian languages or dialects, originating in the North Eastern and Southern States; and
- (c) the steps being taken to preserve endangered languages and dialects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Sir, No information is available.

(c) Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI has initiated a Scheme known as "Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India" (SPPEL). Under this scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (GIL), Mysore works on protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/ languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 people which are called endangered languages. In the first phase of the scheme, 117 endangered languages/ mother tongues have been chosen from all over India for study and documentation on a priority basis.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) under Ministry of Human Resource Development, has also initiated two schemes for protection of endangered languages, namely 'Funding Support to the State Universities for Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered Languages in India' and 'Establishment of Centres for Endangered Languages in Central Universities'. Under these schemes State Universities and Central Universities are funded by UGC.

Apart from this, O/o The Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India under Ministry of Home Affairs, conducts two major research projects namely Linguistic Survey of India (LSI) and Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI).