

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021**

STATUS OF NATIONAL ARTISTES PENSION FUND

2264: Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is implementing National Artistes Pension Fund under the Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to artistes scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for Financial Year 2018-19, Financial Year 2019-20 and Financial Year 2020-21; State-wise;
- (c) the details of budgetary allocation and utilization for the year 2020-21; and
- (d) the number of retired artistes who are availing the National Artistes Pension Fund in the State of Odisha for the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) Yes Sir, National Artistes Pension Fund is a component under the Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes.
- (b) The year wise details as annexed in Annexure -I are as under:-

Financial Year	Total No. of Artistes Selected	Date of Expert Committee Meeting held
2018-19	93	24 th August, 2018
2019-20	411	22 nd – 23 rd December, 2019
2020-21	1821	19 th - 20 th November, 2020 and 3 rd - 4 th December, 2020

- (c) The details of funds allocated and utilized till date for the year 2020-21 is as under:

Year	Budget allocated (R.E.)	Fund Utilized till date
2020-21	12 crores	7.06 crores

- (d) The artistes getting pension from Ministry of Culture under Artist Pension Scheme are neither retired from this Ministry nor are they ever on the pay role of Ministry of Culture. Any artist from any State of India with the age of sixty (60) and above and having income less than Rs. 48000/- per annum is eligible to avail the artist pension under the Scheme. The artist of Odisha State recommended for artist pension for the last three years are as under:-

Sl.No.	Financial Year	Number of Artistes recommended from the State of Odisha
1.	2018-19	20
2.	2019-20	130
3.	2020-21	340

Annexure-I

State-wise list of Recommended Artistes recommended in Financial Year 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Sl. No.	States	No. of beneficiaries recommended in the meeting held on 24th Aug. 2018	No. of beneficiaries recommended in the meeting held during 22nd Dec. to 23 Dec. 2019	No. of beneficiaries recommended in the meeting held during 19th -20th Nov., 2020 and 3rd - 4th Dec.,2020
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15	35	34
2.	Assam	-	-	1
3.	Bihar	-	-	-
4.	Delhi	-	-	-
5.	Goa	-	-	-
6.	Gujarat	-	-	-
7.	Haryana	-	-	-
8.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-
10.	Jharkhand	-	-	-
11.	Karnataka	39	49	114
12.	Kerala	4	12	21
13.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	1
14.	Maharashtra	1	128	187
15.	Manipur	-	-	12
16.	Meghalaya	-	-	-
17.	Mizoram	-	-	-
18.	Nagaland	-	-	1
19.	Odisha	20	130	340
20.	Puducherry	-	-	-
21.	Punjab	-	1	-
22.	Rajasthan	-	-	-
23.	Tamil Nadu	10	2	14
24.	Telangana	1	53	116
25.	Tripura	-	1	-
26.	Uttar Pradesh	-	-	65
27.	Uttarakhand	-	-	-
28.	West Bengal	3	-	914
Total		93	411	1821