

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2021**

FUNDS FOR PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT CULTURE

1292 # SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds which were proposed by Government to be spent for preservation of ancient culture, folk art, folk music and folk literature during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22; and
- (b) the funds spent by Government thereon, year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b) To protect, promote & preserve ancient culture, folk art and folk music throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs). For preservation of folk literature, Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture has been organizing seminars & symposia on tribal literature all over the country both on regional as well as national level, besides bringing out a number of significant publications. Further, the Akademi has also been holding a programme called "Loka: The Many Voices", a programme consisting of lectures as well as demonstrations. This programme has been specially conceived to protect and preserve the tribal art and culture in the country. Sangeet Natak Akademi organizes various festivals including 'Deshaj' focused on folk and tribal performing arts all over the country.

Details of funds allocated and spent by the ZCCs for promoting and preserving ancient culture, folk art and folk music throughout the country are as under:-

| (Rs. in lakh) | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sl. No. | Year | Funds Allocated | Funds Released/ Spent |
| i. | 2019-20 | 6028.48 | 5732.95 |
| ii. | 2020-21 | 4210.00 | 4209.38 |
| iii. | 2021-22 | 5310.00 | 3023.83 (as on date) |