

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2410
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022**

SCHEME FOR PENSION AND MEDICAL AID TO ARTISTES

2410. SHRI SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artistes during the last five years, States/Union Territories-wise;
- (b) the details of beneficiaries in the UT of Puducherry under the scheme during the last five years;
- (c) whether there is any fresh proposal received from the UT of Puducherry for sanction of pension and medical aid to artistes; and
- (d) if so, the list of number of persons recommended under the proposal?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists is a Central Sector Scheme and no financial assistance is routed through State/UTs. However the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme during last five years are as under:-

Financial Year	Number of Beneficiaries*
2016-17	3376
2017-18	3376
2018-19	4120
2019-20	3188
2020-21	2000#
2021-22 (till date)	2737

*Payment of pension is done on submission of requisite documents (Annual Income and Digital Life Certificate).

Number in 2020-21 decreased due to non-submission of requisite documents by the approved pensioners.

- (b) The number of beneficiaries in the UT of Puducherry under the Scheme during the last five years are as below:-

Year	Total number of beneficiaries
2016-17	6
2017-18	7
2018-19	5
2019-20	5
2020-21	4

- (c) No proposal has been received from the UT of Puducherry in the year 2021-22.
- (d) Does not arise.