

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 652
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

SCHEME FOR PENSION AND MEDICAL AID TO ARTISTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details and features of 'Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists', (SPMAA);
- (b) the detailed break-up of the amount given to each beneficiary under SPMAA;
- (c) the number of artistes benefited under this scheme during the last four years, State-wise; and
- (d) the detailed break-up of the various types of artists who are benefitting from this scheme, for the State of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH-EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme by the name of "Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" (earlier known as Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists) under which financial assistance is provided to senior artists, aged 60 years & above, having annual income not more than 72,000/-, who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of performing arts and culture, but are facing financial difficulties due to old age. Under the scheme, financial assistance upto Rs. 6000/- per month is given to the selected artists. The applicant artist should either be a recipient of artists pension of at least Rs. 500/- per month from the concerned State Government/UT Administration, or the artistic credentials of the applicant should be verified and recommended by the concerned Zonal Cultural Centre (ZCC), Ministry of Culture.

(c) & (d) The number of artists benefitted under the scheme during the last four years, State-wise is enclosed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred in reply to part (c) and (d) of R.S.U.Q. No. 652 due for 08.02.2024

(Rs. In Lakhs)									
Sl. No.	States	FY-2019-20		FY - 2020-21		FY - 2021-22		FY - 2022-23	
		No of artist supported	Quantum of financial assistance released	No of artist supported	Quantum of financial assistance released	No of artist supported	Quantum of financial assistance released	No of artist supported	Quantum of financial assistance released
1	Andhra Pradesh	54	22.16	29	5.1	89	72.29	148	84.66
2	Assam	5	1.92	2	0.96	1	0.48	1	1.57
3	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	NCT of Delhi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Haryana	1	0.04	-	-	1	0.93	2	0.56
8	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Jharkhand	8	1.11	8	2.28	5	3.00	7	3.59
11	Karnataka	102	30.29	144	29.97	146	59.55	130	64.32
12	Kerala	83	13.34	24	8.18	57	24.49	51	25.3
13	Madhya Pradesh	16	5.41	6	2.44	12	5.04	6	3.86
14	Maharashtra	324	85.86	206	106.61	448	190.49	740	273.49
15	Manipur	13	3.08	9	3.36	16	7.84	5	0.6
16	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Nagaland	1	0.04	1	0.48	2	0.92	1	0.12
19	Odisha	238	84.04	355	119.46	828	276.95	966	306.77
20	Puducherry (UT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Punjab	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Rajasthan	5	0.87	2	0.07	2	1.23	2	0.71
23	Tamil Nadu	36	9.92	6	0.87	22	15.49	21	14.6
24	Telangana	163	86.18	86	53.2	342	217.29	489	268.16
25	Tripura	2	0.06	1	0.24	2	0.92	1	0.12
26	Uttar Pradesh	8	3.2	9	5.12	46	13.08	58	15.46
27	Uttarakhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	West Bengal	25	8.26	37	5.09	32	12.31	27	11.71
	Total	1084	355.82	925	343.46	2051	902.30	2655	1075.6
	LIC	2104	1461.78	1075	527.85	978	639.87	996	783.58
	G. Total	3188	1817.6	2000	871.31	3029	1542.17	3651	1859.18