

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.342**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

**ALLOCATION OF LAND FOR ODISHA  
CULTURAL CENTRE AND LIBRARY IN DELHI**

342. SMT. SULATA DEO:  
SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether Government has initiated any action for allocating land for the Odisha Cultural Centre and Library in Delhi which was proposed by the State Government of Odisha;
- b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- c) whether there are any additional initiatives of Government to promote or inspire the people of Odisha to exhibit their cultural richness?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- a) No
- b) Does not arise in view of the above.
- c) For promotion of cultural richness in Odisha, Ministry of Culture under its various schemes provides assistance as per details in **Annexure-A**.

**In reply of part (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.342 to be answered on 28.11.2024 regarding Allocation of Land for Odisha Cultural Centre and Library in Delhi:**

**National Mission on Libraries(NML) Scheme:** - Ministry of Culture under its scheme National Mission on Libraries (NML) has sanctioned Financial Assistance to the H.K.M. State Library, Bhubaneswar and District Library, Ganjam in the State of Odisha.

**Archaeological Survey of India (ASI):** ASI has three site museums at (i) Ratnagiri; (ii) Lalitagiri and (iii) Konark in the state of Odisha.

**Lalit Kala Akademi:** - The Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi has established its regional Centre at Bhubaneswar since 1988, to promote and inspire the visual artist by regularly organizing Art Camp/Workshops/Exhibition/Art Festival inviting artists from all across the country including Odisha.

**Performing Arts:** - The Ministry of Culture has provided financial assistance under the umbrella scheme of Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY) to the beneficiaries of Odisha as given hereunder: -

Name of the Scheme
Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru-Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)
Cultural Function & Production Grant (CFPG)
Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence
Building Grant including Studio Theatre
Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture
Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists

**Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT):** - CCRT has undertaken the task of setting up Cultural Clubs in schools. The Cultural Clubs provide an avenue to the students to form a collective voice to raise awareness of prevalent concerns and encourage active participation in fostering a welcoming, caring, celebrative community. 134 nos. of Cultural Clubs have been set up by CCRT in the State of Odisha.