

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
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**SANCTIONED AND ALLOCATED ITEM-WISE BUDGET FOR HIMACHAL
PRADESH**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budget sanctioned and allocated by the Central Government to Himachal Pradesh, item-wise, under the scheme administered by the Ministry in the last two years;
- (b) whether the State of Himachal Pradesh has submitted utilization certificate for the expenditure incurred under all the schemes, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government monitors the accounts of budget allocated for various items provided by Ministry, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**The MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) All the schemes of the Ministry of Culture are Central Sector Schemes, implemented directly through the central Government through its organizations and funds are not sanctioned directly to States/UT Governments. However the details of the Financial Assistance provided to different institutions/NGOs/scholars of the State of Himachal Pradesh by the Ministry is given at Annexure A.
- (b) Yes, the institutions/NGOs/scholars submit Utilization Certificates to the Program/Scheme Divisions from where grants are received by them.
- (c) Yes, Ministry of Culture, monitors the accounts of budget allocated for various items provided by Ministry through regular meetings.

1. National Mission on Libraries

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF), Kolkata, an autonomous organization of the Ministry provides financial assistance under its Matching and Non-Matching schemes for development of public libraries on the basis of applications recommended by the respective State Library Authorities. The details of the budget sanctioned to the State of Himachal Pradesh through RRRLF during the last two years are as under:-

(Amount in Lakh)			
Name of Library	Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Govt. District Library, Mandi.	2022-23	Nil	Nil
	2023-24	8.02	8.02
Govt. District Library, Hamirpur	2022-23	Nil	Nil
	2023-24	8.02	8.02

Besides this, Ministry of Culture through its National Mission on Libraries (NML) Scheme provides financial assistance to one State Central Library and one District Library in each State/UT and six MoC identified Libraries. The details of the budget sanctioned and allocated to the State of Himachal Pradesh under NML Scheme is as under:-

(Amount in Lakh)			
Name of the Library	Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Central State Library, Solan	2022-23	223.00	Nil
	2023-24	(sanctioned in 2022-23)	Nil
Govt. District Library , Bilaspur	2022-23	86.87	44.75
	2023-24	(sanctioned in 2018-19)	Nil

2. National Council of Science Museums

Palampur Science Centre, Palampur, a unit of National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) is functioning in the state of Himachal Pradesh. The budget sanctioned and allocated by Central Govt. under the Continuing/Development of Museum Scheme is shown below:-

Details Of Sanctioned and Allocated Item-Wise Budget for Himachal Pradesh for Last Two Years			
(a)			FIG. IN LAKH
1	SRSC Palampur, Innovation Hub	2022-23	0.00
2	SRSC Palampur, Innovation Hub (Recurring)	2023-24	8.50
3	SRSC Palampur, Spocs	2022-23	0.61
4	SRSC Palampur, SPOCS	2023-24	0.00
(b)	FY 2022-2023		
	GIA-SALARIES, Palampur		49.47
	GIA-GENERAL, Palampur		46.13
	GIA-CCA, Palampur		12.93
	FY 2023-2024		
	GIA-SALARIES, Palampur		71.74
	GIA-GENERAL, Palampur		56.40
	GIA-CCA, Palampur		20.32

3. Scholarship and Fellowship Scheme

Ministry of Culture implements the following financial grant schemes: -

i. Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme

ii. Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship For Promotion of Art and Culture:

The scheme consists of following three components:

- a) Scheme for the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture

- b) Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields
- c) Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research

iii. Seva Bhoj Yojna

The above said schemes are Central Sector Schemes. Funds are released to NGOs/beneficiaries and not to the State Government. However, the details of no. of beneficiaries and grant released/funds disbursed in respect of the State of Himachal Pradesh under the abovesaid schemes during last two years is as under:

i. Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year			
2022-23		2023-2024	
No. of org.	Fund Released	No. of org.	Fund Released
08	11.00	15	25.75

ii. Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year			
2022-23		2023-2024	
No. of Fellows	Fund Released	No. of Fellows	Fund Released
07	7.20	04	3.00

iii. Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year			
2022-23		2023-2024	
No. of Scholars	Fund Released	No. of Scholars	Fund Released
0	0	04	1.20

4. Financial Assistance for Promotion of Art and Culture

Financial Assistance Provided under the Performing Arts to the State of Himachal Pradesh under its Schemes:-

(Rs.in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Financial Year			
		2022-2023		2023-24	
		Nos. of Orgs.	Amount	Nos. of Orgs.	Amount
1	Financial Assistance for Building Grants including Studio Theatres	1	12.78	1	6.00
2	Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	4	51.12	5	55.28

Details of Himachal Pradesh under the scheme of Building Grant including Studio Theatres.

Financial Year	No. of Organization	Amount Released
2022-23	1	₹12,78,941/-
2023-24	1	₹6,00,000/-
2024-25	1	₹12,50,000/-