

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING FOR CULTURAL EVENTS IN ODISHA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cultural festivals and events held in Odisha with the sponsorship of the Ministry in the last year;
- (b) the total funding provided by the Ministry for cultural events in Odisha;
- (c) the criteria for selecting cultural organizations and events for sponsorship in the State; and
- (d) the plans to increase the number of cultural events and festivals supported by the Ministry in Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Culture runs a scheme viz. Cultural Function and Production Grant Scheme (CFPG) under which financial assistance is provided for organizing Seminars, Conferences, Research, Workshops, Festivals, Exhibitions, Symposia, Production of Dance, Drama-Theatre, Music etc. Under this scheme, Rs. 93.60 lakh has been released to 90 organizations in the State of Odisha during the last year.

In addition, 28 cultural festivals and events were also organized by Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata (an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture) during the last year with an expenditure of Rs. 1,44,85,943/-.

(c) & (d) Under CFPG Scheme, the proposals are invited and examined in the meetings of the Expert Committee for recommending grant to cultural institutions/ organizations. The grant for projects is restricted to 75% of the proposed amount recommended by the Expert Committee, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakh per project which can be increased to Rs. 20.00 lakh in exceptional cases.
