

Regarding pension of aged artists

DR. NAMDEO KIRSAN (GADCHIROLI-CHIMUR): Thank you, hon. Chairperson. The pension scheme for old artists given every month by the Ministry of Culture has been discontinued since 2020-21. These old artists, who were receiving the pension from the Central Government, are deprived of this pension as it has been stopped. They are humbly requesting the Government to start their pension again.

The artists were selected as beneficiaries of the scheme after going through the application process as per the format prescribed by the Selection Committee. Some of those artists have got the pension. But the pension stopped subsequently. I, therefore, humbly request the Government to restore the pension for these old artists.

Thank you.