

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms laid down for providing financial assistance to the Voluntary Cultural Organisation under the 'Scheme of Financial Assistance towards Building and Equipment Grant'; and

(b) the details and amount of financial assistance provided under the scheme to the Voluntary Cultural Organisations in Rajasthan during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF I & B AND CULTURE (SHRI JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Ministry of Culture runs a Scheme for Building and Equipment Grants to Voluntary Cultural Organisations. Under this scheme voluntary cultural organisations primarily working in the fields of dance, drama, music, fine arts, Indology and literature are eligible for financial assistance for construction of buildings and./ or purchase of equipments.

Such organizations must have been functioning for at least five years and registered at least for a period of two years under the registration of Societies Act(XXI) of 1860 for similar Acts. An organisation must be of regional or all -India character. Its work must be substantially devoted to programmes that deal with preservation, propagation and promotion of Indian culture.

The maximum assistance admissible to an organisation will be 50 percent of the expenditure subject to a maximum of Rs.15 lakh for the construction of building. The quantum of assistance does not exceed 50 percent of the estimated cost of the project. The quantum of assistance for equipments shall not exceed Rs.2.5 lakh.

The applications under the schemes are to be routed through the State Government/ Union Territory concerned and are considered by an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Culture.

(b) The details and amounts of financial assistance provided to the Voluntary Organisations in Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:

Year No. of Organistion Amount Approved

2002-03	4 nos	Rs.23,50,000/-
2003-04	2 nos	Rs.14,00,000/-
2004-05	8 nos	Rs.34,00,000/-