

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1988
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006
ZONAL CULTURAL CENTRES .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of Zonal Cultural Centres functioning in the country at present;
- (b) The amount spent on the activities of these Centres during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, Centre-wise;
- (c) Whether these Zonal Cultural Centres have failed to achieve their targets during the last three years;
- (d) If so, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) The corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT AMBIKA SONI)

(a) The Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres to extend support to folk and traditional artistes and artisans of the country. Each Centre is provided with a corpus fund. The participating States also contribute a proportionate amount to the corpus fund. Each centre works as an autonomous body with Governor of the State, where it is located, as the Chairman. Seven Zonal Cultural Centres are located at Patiala, Nagpur, Allahabad, Thanjavur, Kolkata, Udaipur and Dimapur.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) No, Sir

(d) & (e) Does not arise

Statement Referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1988 dated 10.08.2006

Name of the Zonal Cultural Centre	Financial Year 2004-05 (Rs. in lakhs)	Financial Year 2005-06 (Rs. in lakhs)	Financial Year 2006-07 (up to 31.07.06) (Rs. in lakhs)
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South Zone Cultural Centre	105.56	131.76	14.72
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South Central Zone Cultural Centre	66.15	108.13	14.63
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North Zone Cultural Centre,	80.57	73.27	24.00
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North Central Zonal Cultural Centre	104.78	150.44	20.44
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West Zone 124.20 134.64 11.55
Cultural Centre

North East Zone 153.62 282.80 491.00
Cultural Centre

Eastern Zonal 619.75 576.66 93.38
Cultural Centre