

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2405  
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GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ARTISTS .  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether there is any scheme to grant scholarship to Artists in different cultural fields;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The number of persons benefited under the said scheme in different cultural fields during each year of the last three years;
- (d) Whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of scholarship given to artists under the said scheme; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof? ANSWER MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

**Answer**

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture administers a scheme of Scholarship to Young Artistes of 18-25 years of age for advanced training within India in different cultural fields. Each selected scholar is paid Rs.2000/- per month for a period of two years to cover his/her living expenses and expenses on traveling, books, art material or other equipment and tuition or training charges. Selection is made by the expert committee and the progress is reviewed after one year. Besides this, Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (under the aegis of Ministry of Culture) implements Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme to provide facilities to outstanding young children selected in the age group of 10-14 years studying either in recognized schools or belonging to families of practicing traditional performing artists for developing their talent in various cultural fields. The scholarship awarded under the scheme is initially for two years at a time and renewed after

every two years till the completion of first University Degree stage of education or up to the age of 20 years, whichever is earlier, subject to the awardee maintaining good progress. The value of scholarship is Rs.300/- only per month. In addition to that actual tuition fee paid for the specialized training to the Institution or to the Guru is also reimbursed to the scholarship holder subject to a ceiling of Rs.3600/- only.

(c) A Statement is attached.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.