

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NEW SCHEMES FOR NCR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Details of various ongoing projects taken up by the Ministry in the North East Region under 10 percent budgetary provision showing total outlay, amount sanction, unutilized, and achievement made during 10th Plan Plan period, State-wise and proposed during 2007-8 along with target set for each project;
- (b) The thrust area proposed for 11th Plan period;
- (c) The details of new schemes, if any, proposed to be launched in the region during 11th plan period;
- (d) Whether the Shilpagram project being executed at Guwahati is commissioned fully with all facilities; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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(a) The Ministry of Culture has been undertaking various activities to promote art and culture in North East Region through various Plan schemes of the Ministry as well as its attached/subordinate offices and autonomous organization.

The 10 percent of the total Plan Outlay for the Ministry of Culture during the 10th Plan period (2002-07) amounting to Rs.179.56 crore was earmarked for undertaking activities in North East Region. Against this, an amount of Rs.134.19 crore was utilized, leaving an unutilized amount of Rs.45.37 crore. The activities undertaken by the Ministry cover almost all states in the North East Region.

During 2007-08, ten percent of the Annual Plan allocation amounting to Rs. 55.70 crore, has been earmarked for various activities in the North East Region. This amount consists of Rs.20.15 crore for promotion and dissemination of Art & Culture. Rs.5.00 crore for Archaeology, Rs. 16.65 crore for Museums, Rs.5.00 crore for India Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Rs. 4.10 crore for Public Libraries, Rs.1.70 crore for other Expenditure (Memorials), Rs. 1.60 crore for Anthropology & Ethnology Rs.0.80 crore for Archives and Rs.0.70 crore for Buddhist and Tibetan Studies.

(b) The major thrust areas proposed by the Ministry for the 11th Five-Year Plan (2007-2012) are as follows:-

- Maintenance and Conservation of the country's Heritage, Ancient Monuments and historic Sites.
- Strengthening of Activities in the Field of Performing Arts
- Overhauling the library sector to meet the needs of a knowledge society.
- Strengthening and Modernization of Museums.
- Impetus to the Activities of Buddhist and Tibetan Institutions.
- Education and Awareness Programmes.
- Development of Cultural and Creative Industries.
- Promotion and Dissemination of Awareness about Indian Culture and Heritage.

(e) The Ministry of Culture proposes to make all endeavor to protect, develop and promote culture of the region by strengthening its existing activities in North East Region during the 11th Plan period. There are no new schemes exclusively for the North Eastern Sector. However, the new schemes proposed for the Ministry of Culture will cover North Eastern region as well.

(c) & (e) Yes, Sir. The Shilpagram Complex at Guwahati under the aegis of North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur (Nagaland) has been completed and inaugurated By the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 17th January,2006 . The Shilpagram Complex consists of 45 crafts stalls, 8 food stalls, 8 State pavilions, an Auditorium, an Administrative Building, a Dormitory with 180 capacity and facilities

like canteen and open air stage.