

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2094
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4thAUGUST, 2022

CULTURAL FUND FOR PUNJAB

2094. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any mechanism to establish special cultural fund for organising cultural events at the district level to promote the incredible culture of the country, specially in the State of Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the concerned officials and nodal agencies regarding the aforementioned purpose?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a)&(b)The Ministry of Culture administers various schemes such as Repertory Grant, Cultural Function Production Grant and Financial Assistance to Cultural Organisation with National Presence under which grants are being given as financial assistance to the organisations to organise cultural events throughout the country including the State of Punjab. Besides, Seven Zonal Cultural Centres across the country play a key role in promotion of culture through the programmes decided in consultation with their member States. Punjab is a member State of North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC) and a part of the grant provided to NZCC is being utilized to organise cultural programmes in Punjab. However, the execution process is not administered at district level.

(c)Details of the concerned officials and nodal agencies that are administering various Scheme of the Ministry are given as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Concerned Officials and Nodal Agencies for the implementation of Scheme
1.	Repertory Grant	Director, National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi
2.	Cultural Function and Production Grant (CFPG)	Director, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

In addition to above, Ministry itself is administering a scheme namely, Financial Assistance to Cultural Organisation with National Presence for organising cultural events across the country including Punjab.

Further, the details of Zonal Cultural Centres for organising the cultural events across the country including the State of Punjab are **Annexed**.

Member States of Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre	Concerned Official	Headquarter	Member States
1.	North Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Patiala	Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh
2.	West Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Udaipur	Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Union Territory of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli
3.	South Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Thanjavur	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Puducherry
4.	South Central Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Nagpur	Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana
5.	Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre	Director	Kolkata	Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
6.	North Central Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Prayagraj	Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and NCT of Delhi
7.	North East Zone Cultural Centre	Director	Dimapur	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura