

MEGHALAYA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

WINTER SESSION

UNSTARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Budding Musician

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4. Will the Minister in-charge Arts and Culture be pleased to state the steps taken to promote and encourage budding Musicians in the State?

Shri CLEMENT R. MARAK
(Minister in-charge Arts & Culture)

Sir, the Department of Arts and Culture in order to promote Music, Dance and Drama in the State, has taken steps to promote and encourage budding Musicians in the State through various initiatives which include but are not limited to :-

- Organize competitions throughout the State to identify potential musical Talents.
- Impart further skills as required to these talented and gifted individuals and also provide financial support to meet these objectives.

To this effect the Department has taken relevant actions as below :-

1. **Activities are being taken up by the Department through its Directorate and the District Arts and Culture Societies - Set up in all the District/Headquarter with the main objective to cater to all the activities relating to promotion of Arts and**

Culture at the District Level as well as State Level Cultural activities which include promotion of Indigenous dance, folk music and the performing Arts apart from Organizing Workshops, Seminars, Symposium, Festivals and exposure trips within and outside the State. The Scheme started from the financial year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

2. **Financial assistance is being given to Individual, Artistes/Performers and Organizations to promote music/music fest** - Financial assistance for organizing Music fest, Workshop drama etc., is being extended to registered voluntary cultural organizations/clubs individuals etc., to promote and encourage the Youth in the field of Music. Beneficiaries have been benefitted every year under this scheme and the Department has been able to identify, encourage and promote budding Musicians.
3. **Infrastructure for Institution of Music and Fine Arts** - Special emphasis is being given in the field of Music, by setting up adequate infrastructure to ensure availability of regular area/place for practices, performance, showcasing, etc.

15 (fifteen) Centers under the scheme are being set up all over the State for the year 2013-14.

4. **State Institute of Arts & Culture -**
Under the Directorate is set up with the main objective to impart free coaching to Students in the field of traditional folk music, folk dance and Indigenous Music Instruments and also in Western Musical Instruments in Piano and Guitar. From its inception, the institute has trained 323 students.
5. Promotion, encouragement and giving a platform through conduct of Music festivals and Programmes with adequate and added value by promotion through Social Media e.g., in recently concluded 18 Degrees Festival, 2014 where in majority of the budding musicians had the opportunity to showcase their inert talent, was broadcast on Media Giant Zee Cafe and these budding performers and Musicians of the State were promoted in more that 60 (sixty) countries of the world where, it was telecasted on the 25th October and 1st November, 2014 at 8:00 PM to more than 1.5 million viewers.
6. Infrastructure set-up in different parts of the State include :-
 - Existing and new, State and District Auditoriums, Amphitheatre, Youth Cultural Centres.
7. Financial Assistance is being given to Educational Institutions for running Music, Institute throughout the State starting from 2013-2014.

8. The Shillong International Centre for Performing Arts & Culture (SICPAC) with its myriad of facilities is being constructed at Mawkasiang to create a hub for the promotion of our young talents and budding musicians.
9. The Government has and is continuing to take all steps necessary to further promote and encourage budding musicians of the State.