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To protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art, indigenous art and craft throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. For this purpose, these ZCCs organize various cultural activities, workshops, exhibitions, craft fairs etc under Shilpgram Scheme.

The number of beneficiaries and the funds allocated/spent under Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme and artists engaged for cultural programmes by ZCCs for these initiatives in past three years is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Number of beneficiaries	Funds allocated/ spent
i.	2014-15	497	98.51 lakh
ii.	2015-16	425	140.28 lakh
iii.	2016-17	368	104.82 lakh

This information was given by Minister of State (IC) for Culture and Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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