

## 2. Khangchendzonga National Park (Natural/Mixed)

(c) to (e) The revised nomination dossier on Majuli Island was again submitted to the World Heritage Centre but in view of revision of Operational Guidelines and a pending ICOMOS evaluation mission, nomination needs to be further worked out. Government of Assam is taking up the revision of nomination and ASI will extend technical support in the process.

**Scholarship to young artistes in cultural fields**

946. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for scholarship to young artistes in different cultural fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released under the scheme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme titled. 'Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields' under which Scholarships are awarded to young artistes in different cultural fields. In a year, upto 400 candidates are awarded scholarships @ Rs.5,000/- per month for a period of two years, in various fields of Culture such as Hindustani (vocal), Hindustani (Instrumental) folk and traditional art forms, etc. Financial assistance is provided on a six monthly basis for covering the expenses on travelling, books, art material or other equipment, tuition or training charges, if any. The details of financial assistance provided in the last three years are as below:

Year	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
2009-10	449.01
2010-11	734.88
2011-12	648.99
2012-13	819.33 (upto Feb., 2013)