

Ministry of Culture

Attention: All Grantees of Performing Arts, Building Grant, CFGS & Scholarship Fellowship

It has come to the notice of this Ministry that as soon as the minutes of an Expert Committee recommending award of grants or Scholarships/Fellowships to Cultural Organisations/Artistes are uploaded on Ministry's website, the grantees start enquiring about the release of their grant and complain for delay in the release.

In this regard it is clarified that after the recommendations of the Expert Committee, following actions are mandatorily required to be taken by the Ministry before the grant is actually released :

1. Seeking administrative approval of the competent authority,
2. Seeking concurrence of the Internal Finance Division,
3. Entering the details of the Cultural Organisations/Artistes on the Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS) website for seeking on-line approval of registration of the organization/individuals from the Pay & Accounts Office of the Ministry of Culture as well as Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance,
4. There after bank details of the Organisations/Artistes are entered in the CPMS for generation of their sanction ID,
5. Issuing of the sanction order,
6. Preparation of bills ,
7. Presentation of the bill to Grant-in-aid (GIA) Cell and by GIA Cell to the Pay & Accounts Office (PAO),
8. Payment order by the PAO in favour of Ministry's authorized bank (Canara Bank),
9. Electronic transfer of the funds in the Bank accounts of the grantee through ECS/ RTGS/NEFT.

In view of the detailed processing as mentioned above, the grantee Organisations/Artistes may start expecting receipt of their grant only about 8-10 weeks after the date of uploading of the minutes of the Expert Committee meeting on the Web. Of course we strive to run some of these processes simultaneously and cut down on time taken .

All queries related to status of application and release of grant may be directed to the Contact person as given below:

1. To the Director, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), 14, CSP Singh Marg, Allahabad-211001. Telephone No. 0532-2421855, 0532-2423698.
2. To the Section Officer, S&F Section, Puratatva Bhawan, GPO Complex, 2nd Floor, D-Block, INA, New Delhi-110023. Telephone No. 011-24642157.

Note : From the year 2009 all grants are released only through ECS/RTGS directly into the bank A/c of the grantee. The grantees are, therefore, requested to check their bank A/c before sending their queries.