

## Artists Pension Scheme and Welfare Fund

### Ministry

Ministry of Culture

### About

The Scheme will cover the following two types of requests:

- Existing beneficiaries under the 1961 Scheme; and
- Fresh cases of writers, artists, etc. who are eligible for a grant under the Scheme.

### Benefits

Assistance from the Government may be in the form of monthly allowance. Such allowance given to the Artistes recommended under the Centre-State Quota will be shared by the Centre and State Government /UT Administration concerned, with the latter paying a monthly allowance of at least Rs.500/- per month per beneficiary. The monthly allowance contributed by the Central Government in such cases shall not exceed Rs. 3500/- per month per beneficiary.

### Eligibility

- Traditional scholars who have made significant contribution in their fields would also be eligible notwithstanding the absence of any published works.
- Personal income of the applicant (including income of the spouse) must not exceed Rs. 4000/- per month.
- The applicant should not be less than 60 years of age (This does not apply in the case of dependents).
- For in-between period the artists who are awardees (State Awardees or National Awardees) and who can substantially prove their source of earning from the art activity during their active age will be eligible to apply. Such applicants should be recommended by the State Government and physically inspected by one of the organizations of Ministry of Culture before bringing it to the Expert Committee.

### How to Apply

Applications should be submitted in prescribed Form and sent to the Director, South Central Zonal Cultural Centre, 56/1, Civil Lines, opposite MLA's Hostel, Nagpur-440001, Maharashtra through respective State Government/UT Administrations with their recommendations. Ministry of Culture may make such changes in the Application form as may be felt necessary from time to time.

For application and more information, visit: <http://www.indiaculture.nic.in/pension-grant>