

83. PRESIDENT'S FUND FOR CREATIVE WRITING

- 83.1 Operating under the *aegis* of the Ministry of Arts and Culture, the President's Fund for Creative Writing (PFCW) is a body corporate which aims at fostering and promoting creative writing endeavours in all languages. At the incipient stage, activities of the Fund were restricted to English language only. However, in 2010, following amendment to the Finance and Audit Act, the scope of the Fund was extended to other languages, written and spoken in Mauritius.
- 83.2 The main object of the Fund is to provide financial support initiative aimed at encouraging and assisting deserving native writers who aspire to have their creative work published. This is achieved mainly through various schemes to encourage and support deserving Mauritian writers wishing to have their creative writings published. Additionally, the PFCW organises workshops and forums in creative writing in collaboration with other stakeholders, essay and short story writing competitions and other literary activities, among others. It also plays a crucial role in nurturing talent, enabling writers to focus on their craft without financial burdens, and contributing to the broader cultural landscape.
- 83.3 Based on information obtained from Management, as at date, there is no employee or dedicated grade on the establishment of the Fund and no proposal has been made in that regard.

