

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2916**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018

Promotion of Mithila region of Bihar under Intangible Cultural Heritage Scheme

2916. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Scheme named 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India' has been launched for activities/projects to strengthen, protect, preserve and promote the intangible cultural heritage of India; and
- (b) whether there is also a proposal to initiate activity/project for intangible cultural heritage and promotion of Mithila region of Bihar under this scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes Sir, a Scheme named 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India' was launched by the Ministry of Culture in November, 2013 with the objective of reinvigorating and revitalizing various institutions, groups, individuals, identified non-MoC institutions, non-government organisations, researchers and scholars so that they may engage in activities/ projects for strengthening, protecting, preserving and promoting the rich intangible cultural heritage of India. The scheme is being implemented through Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture.
- (b) & (c) Yes Sir, a total of 4 proposals aimed at the promotion of intangible cultural heritage of Mithila region of Bihar have been received under the Scheme so far. The details of the proposals are attached as **Annexure..**

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) & (c) of the Rajya Sabha UnStarred Question No 2916 for 21.03.2018

Details of proposals aimed at the promotion of intangible cultural heritage of Mithila region of Bihar received under the scheme for 'Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India'

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Applicant Name (Year)</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
1.	Mithila Bihar's Cultural Heritage-folk music center Data creation and listing	Sh. Binay Kumar Jha (2013-14)	Not approved for grant by the Expert committee
2.	Mithila's folklore Data creation and listing	Sh. Ajit Kumar Jha (2014-15)	Rs.2 lakhs
3.	A survey of the Practices of Traditional Philosophical Knowledge in Mithila	Sh. Abhishek Kumar (2016-17)	Proposal is yet to be evaluated
4.	Data Collection of Mithila's Traditional Art	Sh. Tej Narayan Choudhary (2016-17)	Proposal is yet to be evaluated