

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 826  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2021**

**PRESERVING AND PROMOTING CONTEMPORARY LITERARY HERITAGE**

826 Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is running any scheme for preserving and promoting contemporary literary heritage of the country, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reason therefor;
- (b) whether any initiative has been taken to digitize works of our national poet Shri Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government will consider starting a national award in the name of Shri Ramdhari Singh Dinkar in the field of literature to honour his contribution?

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)**

**ANSWER**

- (a) Sahitya Akademi, a National Institute of Letters, an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture has been promoting as well as preserving literature in all the recognized languages of India, minor/unrecognized languages and endangered dialects. The Akademi conducts workshops/seminars and performances of oral traditions across India. The Akademi periodically organizes language conventions throughout the country and confers Bhasha Samman on writers, scholars, editors, collectors, performers or translators who contribute towards the development and enrichment of the unrecognized languages of India.
- (b) The Sahitya Akademi has brought out a Monograph on Sri Ramdhari Singh Dinkar under its Makers of Indian Literature Series. This monograph has been translated into Dogri, English, Gujarati, Kannada, Konkani and Maithili. The Akademi has also brought out a compilation of the Selected Works of Sri Ramdhari Singh Dinkar. The Akademi organised a Birth Centenary seminar on Ramdhari Singh Dinkar in 2009.
- (c) There is no such proposal.

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