

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2577
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENTS

2577. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether cultural events are being organized at the International level with an objective to provide a platform for Indian culture at the international level;
- (b) If so, the events that are prominently organized at the international level;
- (c) Whether participation of NGOs engaged in the field of culture is also ensured in these programmes; and
- (d) Whether grants are provided to these organizations for conducting such events, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Culture promotes Indian Cultural activities abroad through Global Engagement Scheme under which Festivals of India (FOI) are organized showcasing folk art and other cultural events. Events like Dance, Music, Exhibitions, Theatre, Folk arts, Literary Festival, Food Festival, Film Festival, Yoga, Fashion Show/Textile Exhibition etc. are prominently organized in FOIs abroad. Under the scheme, Grant-in-aid is also given to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies for organizing programmes & activities including folk art & other cultural activities for their promotion abroad.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations, an organization under Ministry of External Affairs, also promotes Indian Culture worldwide through its Cultural Centres abroad and its activities in various fields, inter-alia, teaching of Yoga, Dance & Music; Organising/ supporting conferences/ seminars/ workshops in different fields of Indian Culture; supporting Chairs of Indian Studies in various foreign universities; exchanging visual art exhibitions, etc.

(c) All events/activities are done through Indian Missions Abroad.

(d) Does not arise.
