

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.812
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

UNESCO LIST OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

812. SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY ALLA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of all elements from India in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps towards inclusion of more Indian elements on this list, if so, the details thereof and the progress made thus far, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is taking any other steps to promote Indian Intangible Cultural Heritage on a global platform, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The details of 14 ICH elements from India which have been included in the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity are attached as **Annexure**.
- (b) As per the latest Operational Directives of UNESCO, only one nomination per submitting country is to be considered every two years. Thus the Government ensures that nominations from India are submitted timely as per UNESCO's mandate.
- (c) Yes Sir, the Government is administering a Scheme named "Global Engagement Scheme". The Scheme has following two components:
 - 1) Festival of India
 - 2) Grant in aid to Indo Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies Scheme.

The objective of the scheme is to provide artists practicing Indian art forms an opportunity to perform abroad under the banner of Festival of India. The scheme also provides financial assistance to cultural societies actively promoting Indian Culture abroad to organize cultural activities.

Annexure

Annexure referred in part (a) of Rajya Sabha unstarred Question No.812 for Reply on 09.02.2023 regarding UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage

Indian ICH elements inscribed in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>ICH Element</u>	<u>Year of Inscription</u>
1.	Tradition of Vedic chanting	2008
2.	Ramlila, the traditional performance of the Ramayana	2008
3.	Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre	2008
4.	Ramman, religious festival and ritual theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas, India	2009
5.	Mudiyettu, ritual theatre and dance drama of Kerala	2010
6.	Kalbelia folk songs and dances of Rajasthan	2010
7.	Chhau dance	2010
8.	Buddhist chanting of Ladakh: recitation of sacred Buddhist texts in the trans-Himalayan Ladakh region, Jammu and Kashmir, India	2012
9.	Sankirtana, ritual singing, drumming and dancing of Manipur	2013
10.	Traditional brass and copper craft of utensil making among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru, Punjab, India	2014
11.	Yoga	2016
12.	Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nowrouz, Nawrouz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Nowruz, Navruz, Nevruz, Nowruz, Navruz	2016
13.	Kumbh Mela	2017
14.	Durga Puja in Kolkata	2021