

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NUMBER *122

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

RECOGNITION TO ODISSI MUSIC

122. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for classifying a music form as classical music tradition;
- (b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the demand made by the State of Odisha for recognizing Odissi as classical music; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *122 FOR 14.12.2023

(a) to (c) The Ministry doesn't have any criteria or tradition for classifying a music form as Classical Music Tradition. However, the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Culture, has been conducting workshops / programmes for the promotion of odissi music. The Akademi has conferred awards to the following eminent artists for their contribution in the field of Odissi Music:

- a. Sanjukta Panigrahi and Raghunath Panigrahi (Jt award in 1976)
- b. Bala Krushna Dash in 1984
- c. Bhubaneswar Misra in 1986
- d. Kashinath Pujapanda in 2005
- e. Gopal Chandra Panda in 2011
- f. Bankim Sethi in 2013 and
- g. Susmita Das in 2021
