

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1294**  
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2023

**FUNDS FOR MAHAMAHAM FESTIVAL**

1294. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has any plans to earmark special funds for the Mahamaham festival in Kumbakonam, considered the South Indian Kumbh Mela, the details thereof; and
- (b) if not, the reasons for Mahamaham festival not being given importance on the lines of Kumbh Mela, Kashi and Ujjain corridors, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.
- (b) The Government has been providing cultural support keeping in view the socio-cultural importance of various festivals observed in various parts of the country. The Ministry through its Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) has been providing financial support for various festivals such OCTAVE – a North East Festival, Shilpgram, Orange City Craft Mela etc.

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