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RAJYA SABHA
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BALI YATRA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is providing financial support to the Government of Odisha for organizing Bali Yatra as a potential national festival;
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds allocated and the areas where these funds are being utilized such as infrastructure, marketing, cultural programs etc.; and
- (c) the scope of collaboration with private sector or non-governmental organizations to support the festival?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) The festival “Bali Yatra” is organized by Govt. of Odisha at Cuttack which commemorates the maritime trade and cultural exchange between Odisha and Southeast Asian countries. Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata (an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture) provides artist troupes during the Yatra for cultural programmes, the details of which are as under:

Year	Date	Art form presented	Expenditure
2022-23	8 to16 Nov, 2022	Bihu, Nagara, Kuchipudi, Purulia Chhau& JhumarDance	Rs. 10.00lakh
2023-24	27 Novto 4 Dec, 2023	Purulia Chhau,Paika, Contemporary &Odissi Dance	Rs. 7.00lakh
2024-25	15 to22 Nov, 2024	Bihu, Kathak,Purulia Chhau& Ruff/ Dogri	Rs. 8.00 lakh

Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a three-day National Dhara event ‘Samudramanathan’ was organized at the Odisha Maritime Museum at Cuttack to focus on the State’s glorious seafaring history, coinciding with the inauguration of the historic Bali Yatra. The event included panel and round-table discussions on the country’s maritime history locations, traditions, ship building, navigation, trade & cultural exchange, maritime security and international law.

(c) Bali Yatra is organized by Govt. of Odisha and EZCC, Kolkata provides troupes for cultural programmes in this festival when called upon by Govt. of Odisha.
