

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *35**

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

**PLAN TO INCLUDE PANDHARICHI VARI IN UNESCO'S INTANGIBLE CULTURAL
HERITAGE LIST**

*35 SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL :

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to include Pandharichi Vari, the annual pilgrimage to Pandharpur, in the intangible cultural heritage list of UNESCO;
- (b) if so, the steps taken for submission and documentation of its cultural significance for nomination; and
- (c) whether Government is working with cultural organizations and local communities to preserve and promote this tradition?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT

Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *35 for reply on 06.02.2025 asked by Shri Dhairyashil Mohan Patil

(a) and (b) Ministry of Culture through Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), the nodal implementing agency for Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), examines the proposal(s) received from the community/ stakeholders for inclusion/ nomination to the UNESCO'S Representative List of ICH of Humanity.

For inclusion of an element in the UNESCO's Representative List of ICH, the state parties are required to submit nomination dossier on the relevant element for evaluation and examination by UNESCO Committee.

No proposal in prescribed format has been received.

(c) Ministry of Culture through Sangeet Natak Akademi and the support of the district administration, Solapur, Maharashtra and the Shri Vitthal Rukmini Temple Trust, Pandharpur, Maharashtra organized Kala Pravah, a temple festival at Shri Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Bhavan from 23-24 June, 2024, which included performances of Bharud, Warkari Kirtan, Sapta Khanjiri Bhajan, Dashawtar, and Warkari Dindi procession.
