

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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PROMOTION OF INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC

3229 SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has considered introducing any scheme to increase promotion of Indian classical music in India and in other countries;
- (b) if so, details regarding funds allocated and utilized for purposes of promoting Indian classical music in India and in foreign countries;
- (c) whether Government has provided for any schemes to help preserve fast-disappearing methods of Indian classical music and musicians belonging to such houses, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (d) the countries where Government has actively participated/assisted in promoting Indian classical music and allocated funds in regards to same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Government of India, through the Ministry of Culture, has been undertaking various initiatives for the promotion of Indian Classical Music. The Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under the Ministry, implements several schemes both in India and abroad, which include:
 - Survey, Research, Documentation, Dissemination & Publication
 - National Museum, Library and Archive
 - National Institutes and Centre of Akademi for specialized fields/forms of Performing Arts
 - Training & Performance Support
 - Grants

- Festival, Workshops and Exhibitions
- Awards, Honors and Prizes
- Cultural Exchange Programme
- Promotion of Performing Arts through Media & Information Technology
- Repertory Grant Scheme.

(b) The Ministry of Culture provides grants to the Sangeet Natak Akademi. The total budget released to the Sangeet Natak Akademi for the promotion of all art forms, including the Indian classical music, during the last five years, along with the allocation for the current year, is as under:

Year	Total Budget (in Lakhs)
2020-2021	5222.40
2021-2022	5711.82
2022-2023	6810.50
2023-2024	7105.00
2024-2025	12099.00
2025-2026	5905.00

The Sangeet Natak Akademi has regularly presented and sponsored Indian Classical Music artists in festivals, workshops, seminars, and lecture-demonstrations, as well as in programmes organized by the Government of India in India and abroad. Notable among these are:

- 5th Sheki Silk Road International Musical Festival, Azerbaijan (2014)
- SCO Concerts (2019 & 2020)
- BRICS Concert (2020)
- Global Music Festival, Russia (2022)
- BRICS Festival, St. Petersburg (2024)

(c) Schemes and support to Sangeet Natak Akademi ensure preservation of all forms of Indian Classical Music.

(d) The Akademi has actively promoted Indian Classical Music in countries such as Azerbaijan, Russia and SCO (Shanghai).
