

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

PARTICIPATION OF TRIBALS IN CULTURAL PROGRAMMES

1983. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any cultural programme was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts in October, 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether tribals from various parts of the country participated in this programme; and
- (d) if so, the number of tribals who took part in this cultural event State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A “Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav (RSM)” was organized from 15th to 24th October, 2016 at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Janpath, New Delhi at a cost of ₹ 10.00 crore by the Ministry of Culture through its Zonal Cultural Centres and other autonomous organizations to showcase dance, music, cuisines, art & crafts etc from various parts of the country. The Hon’ble President of India was the Chief Guest at the Closing Ceremony on 24th October, 2016. Approximately 65-70 folk dance/singing troupes comprising of more than 1600 artistes performed in front of a large number of audience for 10 days.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. A total number of 395 tribal artists participated in this cultural event. The State/UT-wise details are as under:

State/UT	No. of tribal artists	State/UT	No. of tribal artists
Arunachal Pradesh	15	Maharashtra	02
Assam	26	Meghalaya	27
Bihar	21	Mizoram	18
Chhattisgarh	06	Nagaland	33
Gujarat	33	Odisha	16
Himachal Pradesh	30	Punjab	15
Jammu & Kashmir	30	Rajasthan	15
Jharkhand	17	Sikkim	22
Lakshadweep	10	Tripura	42
Madhya Pradesh	02	Uttarakhand	15