

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3093 for 05/12/2016  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**FESTIVAL OF INDIA**

3093. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI S. R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organised festival of India on International front in terms of cultural perspective;
- (b) if so, the details of the festival organised by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, festival/country-wise;
- (c) whether the Festival of India was organised by the Government in Oman recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the main theme of the said festival and the expenditure incurred during the said festival?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM  
(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Details of festivals organised during the last three years and the current year are as under-
  - (i) **2013-2014** - Peru, Cuba, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam & Thailand.
  - (ii) **2014-2015** - China, South Africa, Japan, Indonesia & Malaysia.
  - (iii) **2015-2016** - Thailand (continued from year 2013-14), Malaysia (continued from previous year), Indonesia (continued from previous year), Japan (continued from previous year), Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka.
  - (iv) **2016-17** - Mauritius (continued from previous year), Republic of Korea (continued from previous year), Hungary, Spain, Australia, Morocco, Italy, Egypt, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kenya, Tanzania & Oman.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The Festival of India in Oman is to be held from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 with six events namely Indian Creative Ballet, Exhibition of Islamic Art Calligraphy, Vocal Sufiana Music, Jammu and Kashmir Dance and Music group. A sum of Rs. 1,01,26,150/- has been approved for these events. Food Festival and Fashion Show are also being organised as part of Festival of India with the help of other Ministries.

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