

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2794
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF DANCE

2794: SHRI G. M. SIDDESHWARA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to organise an International Festival of Dance in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the venue of the said festival along with the names of the participating countries;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any programme of such kind had been organised in the past in India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) to (e): No, Madam. However, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), an organisation under Ministry of External Affairs has been organizing an annual event called "International Dance and Music Festival". The latest edition of the International Dance and Music Festival was organized by ICCR in New Delhi from 10-19 January, 2017. The next edition of the Festival is being tentatively planned from 13-15 January, 2018 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. The details of the event and venues alongwith participating countries held since 2014 is given at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2794 due for answer on 20.03.2017

Details of the events organised by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

1.	International Dance & Music Festival at Kamani Auditorium from 27th October to 3rd November, 2014			
(i)	10-member 'Gakku' Dance Ensemble group	Kazakhstan	27 th Oct to 1 st Nov. 2014	Delhi & Jaipur
(ii)	6-member Aswara Dance Company	Malaysia	27 th Oct to 1 st Nov, 2014	Delhi & Jammu
(iii)	13-member Dance & Music group	J&K, India	29 th to 30 th Oct, 2014	Delhi
(iv)	2-member Dance group	Russia	28 th Oct to 2 nd Nov, 2014	Delhi & IIT Roorkee
(v)	5-member Shye Ben Tzur group	Israel	29 th to 31 st Oct, 2014	Delhi
(vi)	Dani Pannullo Dance Theatre	Spain	29 th Oct to 3 rd Nov, 2014	Delhi & Ahmadabad
2.	International Dance and Music Festival at Kamani Auditorium from 17th January to 24th January 2016			
i)	20 member Mani Puri Group, India	India	-	Delhi
ii)	7 Member Dance & Music group	Kyrgyzstan	17-24 January 2016	Delhi, Guwahati & Kolkata
iii)	5 Member dance presentation by "the Rainbow Island"	Mauritius	17-24 January 2016	Delhi, Lucknow & Allahabad
iv)	10-Member group "Arpeggio Creative Dance and Drama Academy"	Sri Lanka	16-23 January 2016	Goa, Delhi, & Jammu
v)	9-member Dance & Music group	South Africa	15 – 21 January 2016	Bhopal & Delhi
vi)	7-Member Dance presentation by Tanjai Kamalaa Indira Dance school	Malaysia	17-23 January 2016	Chandigarh, Delhi & Bangalore
3.	International Dance & Music Festival at Kamani Auditorium from 10th January to 19th January, 2017			
(i)	10-member Contemporary dance group	Germany	10-20-January, 2017	Delhi, Goa, Baroda & Mumbai
(ii)	15-member dance & Music group	Vietnam	12-19-January, 2017`	Delhi, Bangaluru & Trivendrum
(iii)	10-member 'Akkerbez' National Dance Ensemble group	Kazakhstan	6-15 January, 2017	Port Blair, Guwahati, Shillong & Delhi
(iv)	5-member 'El Darado Perfroming Art' group	Guyana	12-19 January, 2017	Delhi & Jaipur
(v)	11-member 'Abaveli Maskandi' dance & music group	South Africa	10-15 January, 2017	Chandigarh & Delhi
(vi)	26-member 'State Dance Ensemble' group	Belarus	12-16 January, 2017	Kolkata & Delhi
(vii)	7-member 'Samudra Performing Arts' group	Trivandrum	13-16 January, 2017	Delhi.