

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4036
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL TO SHOWCASE CULTURE OF NER

4036. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to organize International festival to showcase the culture of North Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be organised?

ANSWER

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

(a) Government organises International festivals to showcase the Indian Culture including the Culture of North Eastern States.

(b)&(c) Currently, the cultural groups from North Eastern States, planned to be sent abroad are:

- 25-member Shillong Chamber Choir Group to participate in the “Namaste Russia – A Festival of Indian Culture” and 70th Anniversary Celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Russia from 18th to 24th May, 2017.
- Pung Cholam Dance Group to participate in United Kingdom under India-UK Year of Culture 2017 in October, 2017.