

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5866
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH APRIL, 2017**

RASHTRIYA SANSKRITI MAHOTSAVA IN NER

5866. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organised/is organising Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsava in the North Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the festival;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated along with the expenditure likely to be incurred during the said festival and the number of artists participating in the festival;
- (d) whether the Government plans to organise such festival in other parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsava has been organized by the North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Government of India from 23rd to 25th March, 2017 at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh and extended to other North Eastern States viz. Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura for a period of 3 days at each location during 26th to 31st March, 2017. The main aims and objectives of this festival in the North Eastern Region was to present the rich diversity and uniqueness of Indian Culture and to promote the cultural inter-linkages amongst the States to strengthen National Integration.

(c) An amount of Rs. 4.50 crore has been released out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 5.00 crore to NEZCC, Dimapur by the Ministry of Culture to incur expenditure on this RSM and approximately 5000 artistes participated in this festival.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. It has been decided by Ministry of Culture to organize a Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav at Srinagar/Leh in the month of May/June, 2017. An amount of Rs. 3.75 crore has already been released out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 5.00 crore to North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Government of India for organization of this festival.