

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1186  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**EASTERN ZONAL CULTURAL CENTRES**

**1186. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Eastern Zonal Cultural Centres (EZCC) in any part of the country and if so, the details thereof along with its salient features;
- (b) the number of public function and cultural performances for the period 2014 to 2016 of EZCC of Kolkata and Santiniketan during the last three years, year-wise and unit-wise;
- (c) the sanctioned and actual staff strength of these units;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme for better performance and functioning of these two centres; and
- (e) whether it is a fact that proceedings have been initiated against any one of the centres for violation of Government rules/ circulars/notifications etc. during the said period and if so, the present status thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) The number of public functions and cultural performances during the last three years are as under:

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
187	227	185

(c) The sanctioned and actual staff strength of these units are as under:

Total Sanctioned Staff	Actual Staff Strength	
	Kolkata	Santiniketan
71	33	03

(d) No, Madam. However, time to time review is conducted and suggestions are made for better performance and functioning of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata including Santiniketan.

(e) No, Madam.