

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1741
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES ABROAD

**1741. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up Indian Cultural Centre in different countries;**
- (b) if so, the name of the countries along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Indian culture in different parts of the world;**
- (c) whether the Government has decided to set up an Indian Cultural Centre in Israel also;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives thereto; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring up both countries closer culturally?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

- (a) Yes.**
- (b) ICCR has 36 Indian Cultural Centres and one Sub-Centre (list attached). ICCR has plans to establish new Indian Cultural Centres**

in Washington and Paris. For these new Centres, the properties are being renovated for establishing Centres.

Cultural Centres overseas are ICCR's important arms, which play significant role in promotion of India's soft power strength through its variety of activities like facilitating teaching of Indian dance, music, yoga, Hindi etc., organizing cultural performances, film screening, lectures, talks, Seminars & Conferences on themes related to India including workshops/interactions on various streams of Indian dance and music and organizing Festivals of India. Activities are organized in the capital and other cities with the help of involvement of local community and Indian Diaspora.

(c) Yes.

(d) & (e) During the recent visit of Prime Minister of India to Israel, announcement for the opening of Indian Cultural Centre in Israel was made. Modalities for opening and running of the Centre will be worked out by ICCR in consultation with the Mission in Tel Aviv. In 2017-18 ICCR organized a Festival of India in Israel. Celebrations of IDY were organized on grand scale. ICCR has Chair of Indian Studies at the Tel Aviv University for promotion of Indian studies. India and Israel share a long standing relationship on the cultural and people to people front. Opening a Cultural Centre will further enhance relationship on this front.

LIST OF INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES ABROAD

S.No.	Name of Centre with Country
1.	The Nehru Centre London (U.K.).
2.	The Tagore Centre Berlin, Germany.
3.	Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre Moscow, Russia.
4.	Indian Cultural Centre Astana, Kazakhstan.
5.	Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for Indian Culture Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
6.	Indian Cultural Centre Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
7.	Indian Cultural Centre Kabul, Afghanistan.
8.	Indian Cultural Centre Colombo, Sri Lanka.
9.	Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia.
10.	Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture Port Louis, Mauritius
11.	Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture, Cairo, Egypt.
12.	Indian Cultural Centre Johannesburg, South Africa.
13.	Indian Cultural Centre Georgetown, Guyana.
14.	Mahatma Gandhi Institute For Cultural Cooperation, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago.
15.	Indian Cultural Centre Paramaribo, Suriname.
16.	Indian Cultural Centre Suva, Fiji.
17.	Indian Cultural Centre Beijing, China.
18.	Indian Cultural Wing Kathmandu, Nepal.
19.	Indian Cultural Centre Bangkok, Thailand

20.	NSCB Indian Cultural Centre Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
21.	Vivekanand Cultural Centre Tokyo, Japan
22.	Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre Mexico.
23.	Nehru Wangchuck Cultural Centre Thimphu, Bhutan.
24.	Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre Dhaka, Bangladesh.
25.	Indian Cultural Centre Yangon, Myanmar.
26.	Indian Cultural Centre Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
27.	Indian Cultural Centre Seoul, South Korea.
28.	Amrita Sher-Gill Cultural Centre Budapest, Hungary.
29.	Indian Cultural Centre Prague, Czech Republic
30.	Indian Cultural Centre Male, Maldives.
31.	Indian Cultural Centre Sao Paulo, Brazil.
32.	Indian Cultural Centre The Hague, Netherlands.
33.	Indian Cultural Centre Tehran, Iran
34.	Indian Cultural Centre Durban, South Africa
35.	Indian Cultural Centre Sydney, Australia
36.	Indian Cultural Centre Hanoi, Vietnam
	<u>Sub-Centre</u>
37.	Sub-Cultural Centre Bali, Indonesia
