

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2237**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

**NATIONAL TRIBAL CARNIVAL**

2237: DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to organize “ National Tribal Carnival” for the upliftment and betterment of tribal population in the country in near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (c) the details about the project framework and plan outlay in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI JASTWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tribal Affairs organized a National Tribal Carnival 2016 during 25th – 28th October, 2016 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium and Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The Carnival showcased glimpses of rich cultural heritage of tribal people across the country through unique forms of folk dances, songs, cuisine, exhibition and demonstration of traditional skill in painting, art and craft, medical practices. No decision has been taken as of now for organizing such Carnival in near future. However, the Ministry in association with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.(TRIFED) organized a National Tribal Festival i.e ‘Aadi Mahotsav’ from 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Almost 800 Artisans and Artists from 27 States participated in the Mahotsav and sold their products and displayed their crafts and skill through more than 200 stalls that was set up for them. Stage programs of tribal dances and folk songs conducted daily. 85 Tribal Chefs from 25 states showcased tribal delicacies. Ministry is implementing a scheme “Tribal Festivals, Tribal Research, Information and Mass Education” wherein provision has been made for organising Tribal Festivals.

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