

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

INCLUSION OF CHENNAI IN UNESCO LIST

266. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Chennai was recently included in United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) creative cities network for contribution in Music;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this will foster international cooperation with and between cities committed to investing in creativity as a driver for sustainable urban development, social inclusion and cultural vibrancy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any special arrangements to utilize this international recognition and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (d) Yes Madam. On 31st October 2017, Director General of UNESCO designated Chennai as Creative City of Music under UNESCO's Creative Cities Network. The creative cities Network of UNESCO aims to strengthen Cooperation with and among cities that have recognised creativity as a strategic factor of sustainable development as regards economic, social, cultural and environmental aspects. By joining the Network the government proposes to acknowledge the commitment of Chennai to share best practices to develop partnerships fostering international cooperation that promote Creativity and the Cultural industries to strengthen participation in cultural life and to integrate Culture in urban development plans.