

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1848
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES

1848. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to establish cultural centres across the globe to leverage India's cultural and creative strengths similar to the Alliance Francaise Centres (France), Goethe Institutes (Germany), Instituto Cervantes (Spain) and Confucius Institutes (China) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has created any roadmap in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) To leverage India's cultural and creative strengths, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, an autonomous body under the Ministry of External Affairs, has set up 37 cultural centres across the globe. ICCR run cultural centres have their own unique characteristics.

(b) & (c) ICCR's first culture centre was established in the year 1972. Since then it has established 37 centres in 35 countries. Centres in Sydney and Hanoi were established recently in the year 2016 and 2017 respectively. During the recent visit of Prime Minister of India to Israel, announcement for the opening of Indian Cultural Centre in Israel was made. The centres are established with due diligence to ensure that our creative and cultural strengths are leveraged to the best results.

(d) Not applicable.
