GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3685 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

STRATEGIC CULTURE

3685: ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether India has a strategic culture and if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government considers it to be a homogenised culture spreading across thousands of years or as something of a conglomeration of diverse strategic cultures and if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government intends to extend and/or institutionalise activities related to the study of strategic culture; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The mandate of Ministry of Culture is preservation and conservation of Ancient Culture Heritage and promotion of Art and Culture both Tangible, Intangible and Knowledge heritage in the country. This Ministry fulfills its mandate through its attached, subordinate and autonomous Organizations.

Archeologival Survey of India is responsible for protection, preservation and conservation of protected monuments of national importance spread all over India. National Archieves of India is responsible for maintenance of all archival records of the country. The Minsitry is also promoting a museum movement in the country. It is the custodian of all the major libraries in the country. The Ministry is also involved in protection and promotin of Buddhist and Tibetian

Culture through various institutions. Capacity-building programme in the field of Indian art and culture is promoted through institutions like the School of Archaeology, School of Archives, National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies etc.