

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND APRIL, 2018**

CULTURAL PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN

5584. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government organises/proposes to organise cultural programmes for children through Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ trusts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) The Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur which organize various cultural programmes, workshops & painting competitions for children on regular basis all over India. Annual grant-in-aid is provided to these ZCCs by Government of India for carrying out their mandated activities.