

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

PROMOTION OF ARTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government to encourage arts in the country;
- (b) whether several young artists have migrated/are migrating to Europe and other Eastern countries during the last five years and the current year due to apathy of the Government towards this field;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the migration of artists to other countries?

ANSWER

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture and Minister of State for
Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(DR MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of arts and culture. The activities are carried out through schemes of attached, subordinate and autonomous institutions under the Ministry, as well as through the schemes directly administered by the Ministry. This includes Schemes administered by the Ministry viz. Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Arts and Culture, Scheme of Financial Assistance for Creation of Cultural Infrastructure, Scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture, Museum Grant Scheme, Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists, and Scheme for Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Also the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur to protect, preserve & promote various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country.
- (b) No such study has been conducted.
- (c)&(d) Do not arise in view of reply of (b) above.