

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 273  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2018**

**ZONAL CULTURAL CENTRES**

**\*273. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Cultural Centres working in the country under his Ministry;
- (b) the mandate given to Zonal Cultural Centres by the Government;
- (c) whether the Zonal Cultural Centres are strictly following the mandate given to them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 273 FOR 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

(a) Seven (7) Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) are working in the country under Ministry of Culture with headquarters located at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj (Allahabad), Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

(b) The ZCCs were set up in the mid 80s to develop the cultures of various regions, to set up mechanism for preservation and promotion of various elements of our rich cultural heritage as autonomous bodies and to bind the nation culturally while retaining the individuality of the regions that comprise them.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. ZCCs are strictly following the mandate given to them by organizing number of cultural activities and programmes in their member States for which annual grant-in-aid is given to these ZCCs for this purpose.

(e) Does not arise.