

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2226  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

**PROMOTION OF INDIAN DANCE FORMS**

**2226. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is trying to promote Indian Dance forms like Bharatanatyam, Matki Dance and Lavani on the International level and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to organize Dance festival in different countries of the world and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is trying to give a chance to new performers to perform on an International level so as to promote our dance forms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to organize an Inter-State Dance competition, to find the talented artists and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

**(a) to (c)** Yes Madam, Government promotes different art forms including folk arts on International platform through Cultural Exchange Programme. Ministry of Culture also operates scheme for promotion of International cultural relations under which festivals of India are organised abroad. In addition, grant to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies through Indian Missions is provided, to showcase Indian culture. These festivals include classical and folk dances, music, folk art, exhibition, Indian cuisine, literary festival, theatre, etc. Government through its various agencies has empanelled artists including new performers in different dance forms and sponsors them to participate in International dance festivals organized by various countries from time to time.

**(d)** At present, there is no proposal to organise an Inter-State Dance competition to find talented artists.

