

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2288  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

**PROMOTION OF LOCAL ART FORMS**

**2288. MAHEISH GIRRI:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any special initiatives for the promotion of different art forms like tribal arts, Madhubani arts, Rajasthani local arts, etc. on an International platform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to promote and preserve the local folk songs from different parts of the country; and
- (d) 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 (d):** The Ministry of Culture is committed to disseminating different art forms including tribal arts, Madhubani arts, Rajasthani local arts, etc. on an International platform through Cultural Exchange Programme. Ministry of Culture also operates Scheme for Promotion of International Cultural Relations under which Festivals of India are organized abroad. In addition, grant to Indo Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies through Indian Missions are provided to showcase Indian arts and culture including folk arts. For Festival of India abroad, the Ministry of Culture has empanelled artists including folk artists to perform in the festivals. The Ministry of Culture through its organizations and various schemes protects, promotes and disseminates Indian arts and culture including folk arts from different parts of the country.