

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 134
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the Details of the MoU signed between India and the Governments of Korea, Rwanda and Ghana on the Cultural Exchange Programmes for the period 2018-2022;
- (b) the Details of the schemes in operation for greater cultural interaction with these countries; and
- (c) whether there has been an increase in participation from these countries in the various cultural programmes hosted by India, during the period 2014-18 and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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- (a) The Cultural Exchange Programmes between the Government of The Republic of India and the Governments of The Republic of Korea, Rwanda and Ghana for the years 2018-2022 were signed on 10th July, 2018, 23rd July, 2018 and 18th July, 2018 respectively.
- (b) The Ministry of Culture operates Scheme for Promotion of International Cultural Relations under which Festivals of India are organized abroad showcasing folk art and other cultural events such as exhibitions, dance, music, theatre, food festival, literary festival, film festival, yoga etc. Under this Scheme, Ministry of Culture also gives grant-in-aid to Indo Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies for organizing cultural programmes & activities abroad. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) also promotes cultural interaction between India and other foreign countries.
- (c) Details of cultural programmes hosted by India from Korea and Ghana during the period are as follows:
 - i. South Korean Cultural Group under the 5th World Flute Festival in August 2014 and an Indo-Korean Group participated in 2nd World Percussion Festival in November 2014.
 - ii. Three groups from Korea visited India in 2017 to participate in Jazz festival.
 - iii. Groups from Ghana visited India in November 2015 to participate in India-Africa Forum Summit.
