

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

PROGRAMMES FOR SENIOR CLASSICAL ARTISTS

† 167. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government organizes /proposes to organise programmes in the name of artists of national and international repute as a gesture of giving them honour and respect, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is making any provision to organize programmes in the name of senior classical artists who devoted their lives to music and for the upgradation of music, if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has earmarked /proposes to earmark any funds for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a & b): Madam, Ministry of Culture organizes commemoration of Birth Centenary and special anniversaries like 125th /150th etc. of great personalities and memorable historical events based on the decision of the Government/ respective National Committee, Executive Committee or National Implementation Committee as the case may be.

However, Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry organized the centenary celebrations of the following Artists throughout the country:-

- (i) Smt T. Mukta
- (ii) Bharatratna Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi
- (iii) Ustad Bismillah Khan
- (iv) Saint Tyagaraja
- (v) Begum Akhtar
- (vi) Shri Radhika Mohan Maitra

(c & d) At present no Specific fund has been earmarked for this purpose.
