

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4779
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2019**

REVIVAL OF INDIAN FOLK ARTS AND MUSIC

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several popular Folk Arts and music of the country are on the verge of extinction and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted to identify the country's folk arts and music which are on the verge of extinction;
- (c) whether any action has taken to revive these Indian folk arts and music in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (d) No such formal study has been conducted so far by the Government. However, to protect, preserve and promote various forms of folk arts and culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

These ZCCs under Ministry of Culture are implementing a number of schemes viz. Award to Young Talented Artistes, Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme, Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme, Research & Documentation Scheme, Shilpgram Scheme, Octave and J&K Festivals and National Cultural Exchange Programme (NCEP) for protection and conservation of different folk & tribal art forms.