

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4259
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

Foreign Students Learning Indian Classical Dance and Music

4259. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of foreign students are heading to India to learn Indian classical dance and music;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of students enrolled during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been sponsoring international students for their enrollment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (b): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) reports, number of foreign students in the programme of Dance and Music in India is given below:

Programme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
B.Dance / M.Dance – Bachelor /Master of Dance	4	3	1	3
B.Mus.-Bachelor of Music	5	25	14	13
M.Mus.-Master of Music	16	17	13	4
Total	25	45	28	20

(c) to (d): ICCR offers 100 scholarships slots globally to learn Indian classical dance and music under Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme every year. The details of students enrolled during the last three years and the current year, country-wise is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (c) to (d) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4259 dated 27.03.2023 regarding "Foreign Students Learning Indian Classical Dance and Music" asked by Shri Thirunavukkarasar SU, Hon'ble Member of Lok Sabha

Sl. No.	Beneficiary Countries	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		Slots Allocated	Slots Utilized	Slots Allocated	Slots Utilized	Slots Allocated	Slots Utilized	Slots Allocated	Slots Utilized
1.	Azerbaijan	100 slots globally		100 slots globally		100 slots globally		100 slots globally	
2.	Bangladesh		31		4		54		54
3.	Bhutan		4				1		5
4.	Bolivia								2
5.	Brazil								1
6.	Cameroon								1
7.	Columbia								2
8.	Ecuador						1		
9.	Egypt						1		
10.	Fiji						1		
11.	Germany						1		
12.	Laos								4
13.	Mauritius								5
14.	Mexico		1						
15.	Nepal								7
16.	Republic of Congo								3
17.	Russia		1				4		1
18.	South Sudan						1		
19.	Spain						1		
20.	Sri Lanka				1		1		7
21.	Tajikistan						5		4
22.	Tanzania						1		
23.	Thailand						1		
24.	USA								3
25.	Uzbekistan						1		
26.	Venezuela		1				1		
27.	Zimbabwe								1
Total		100	38	100	5	100	75	100	100