

MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.617**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**PROPOSAL FROM KERALA**

617. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Government is currently evaluating any recommendations for inclusion in UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any of the aforesaid recommendations pertains to the State of Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government or other bodies/persons in Kerala for inclusion in the UNESCO's List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d) As per the latest Operational Directives of UNESCO, only one nomination per submitting country is to be considered every two years. "Garba of Gujarat" has been nominated by the Government in 2022 which will be evaluated for possible inscription in 2023. The next nomination would be submitted in 2024 for a possible inscription in 2025 and would be finalized in due course.

(e) & (f) Yes Sir, following three nominations related to Kerala have been received:

- 1) Shadow puppet theatre traditions (which includes Tolpava Kuthu of Kerala along with shadow puppet forms from other states)
- 2) Chettikulangara Kumbha Bharani Kettukazhcha (practiced in various villages of Alleppey district of Kerala State)
- 3) Aranmula Metal Mirror, Aranmula Vallasadhya (proposal submitted by Aranmula Heritage Trust, Kerala)

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