

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 492**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES**

492. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government intends to increase cultural activities in Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and other Neighbouring countries and far away countries like USA in the next one year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the scheme proposed by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Culture promotes Indian Cultural activities abroad through 'Global Engagement Scheme' under which Festivals of India (Fol) are organized showcasing folk art and other cultural events. Under the scheme, Grant-in-aid is also given to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies for organizing programmes & activities including folk art & other cultural activities for their promotion abroad.

This Ministry aims at disseminating Indian Culture abroad through signing of Cultural Agreements and Cultural Exchange Programme with other countries and their implementation by concerned agencies on both sides through mutual discussions through diplomatic channels.

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