

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NUMBER 224
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023

CONSERVATION OF MANDAR FOLK MUSIC INSTRUMENT

224: SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the practice of Mandar folk music instrument being played by the Manjhi community in Bihar is on the verge of extinction;
- (b) the various plans proposed by the Government for revival of playing of Mandar folk music instrument; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) No, Sir
- (b) & (c) The Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture through its scheme namely "Training and Preservation of Traditional, Folk & Tribal Performing Arts" supports various selected forms of music, dance, and theater including crafts associated with the performing arts and allied arts from all over the country with special attention to training in non-formal and personalized atmosphere in the tradition of Guru-shishya parampara. The Akademi also provides training in the Mandar Folk Music Instrument.
