

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1340
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2019**

STEPS TO PROMOTE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN JHARKHAND

1340. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of zonal cultural centres operating in the country, State-wise, especially in Jharkhand at present;
- (c) the details of existing cultural development programmes in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to further promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the culture of our country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) To protect & preserve various forms of art and culture throughout the country including Jharkhand, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) viz. North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC) at Patiala, South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC) at Thanjavur, South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC) at Nagpur, North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) at Dimapur, West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur, North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC) at Prayagraj and Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) at Kolkata. Jharkhand is the member State of EZCC, Kolkata. For promotion of cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Jharkhand, these ZCCs organize number of cultural activities throughout the year in their member States.

(d) & (e) Besides holding various cultural activities across the country through ZCCs, the Ministry of Culture also organizes cultural programmes like Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) in the country for the purpose. RSMs have so far been organized at New Delhi (November, 2015 and October, 2016), Varanasi (December, 2016), Bengaluru & Tawang (March, 2017), Gujarat (October, 2017), Karnataka (January, 2018), Madhya Pradesh (February, 2018 & October, 2019) and Tehri (May, 2018). During Simhastha Mahakumbh Mela, 2016 held at Ujjain and Kumbh Mela, 2019 held at Prayagraj, programmes for cultural development were organized by the ZCCs and other organizations under Ministry of Culture.

OCTAVE, a festival of the North East is organized by each of the seven ZCCs to promote folk culture of the North Eastern States. For this purpose, artists of the North East region are engaged by the respective ZCC to showcase the rich cultural heritage of North East.

Apart from the above, ZCCs also conduct workshops, seminars, exhibitions, cultural fairs etc. on regular basis all over India for promotion of Indian culture.