

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

FOOT FALL IN CULTURAL SPACES

3350. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to increase the footfall in the cultural spaces of the country; and
- (b) the steps taken to make the cultural spaces more popular and attractive for the younger generation?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture is making all possible efforts to increase footfall in the cultural spaces through attached/subordinate/autonomous bodies such as:

- (i) Protected monuments are conserved and maintained properly.
- (ii) Essential tourist amenities like toilets, drinking water, wi-fi, cafeteria are provided at monuments.
- (iii) Concessional tickets are given to students.
- (iv) Ministry has special focus on bringing the youth, specially underprivileged children to Museums & Art Galleries, in collaboration with local NGOs. Transport is arranged for the children, free art/science kit & lunch packets are distributed.
- (v) Organization of regular events in collaboration with educational and cultural institutions.
- (vi) Use of electronic, print and social media to popularize the cultural spaces.
- (vii) Conducting various art festivals, workshops, exhibitions throughout the year.
- (viii) Conducting part time evening courses and full time Diploma/ Post Diploma programmes in dance, music and visual arts.
- (ix) Organizing programmes in distant and remote locations of the country.