

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4170  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**PROMOTION OF PROGRAMMES BASED ON FOLK SONGS AND DANCE**

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SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:  
SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is organizing any programmes based on folk songs and folk dances to promote culture at the national level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote the programmes based on folk songs and folk dances; and
- (d) if so, the details of the programmes being organized to promote indigenous music and dance such as Agri Koli and Pavra music, tribal Tarpa dance, Balya dance performed by Koli and Pavra (Adivasi), the residents of remote and hilly forest parts of Jalgaon and Buldhana district of Maharashtra State and Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh at the State and National level?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) To protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art and culture including programmes based on folk songs and folk dances at the national level, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis in the country. Besides, Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are also conducted through these ZCCs where a large number of artists from all over India are engaged to showcase their talents. From November, 2015 onwards, eleven (11) RSMs at 20 places have been organized by Ministry of Culture up till now in the country. These ZCCs also organize minimum 42 Regional Festivals for promotion of culture every year as per their programme calendar.

(d) Out of these seven ZCCs, the West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC), Udaipur engages artists to promote Tarpa Tribal Dance and Pavri Vadan in various cultural programmes organized by them. WZCC promotes Koli Dance during various programmes like Tribal Festival, Lokotsav, Loktarang and Lokrang. The ZCC at Nagpur viz. South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC) has also promoted (online) Koli Dance in the Lok Kala Darshan programme organized in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during 2020-21.