

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2021**

**NATIONAL MISSION ON CULTURAL MAPPING
IN WEST BENGAL AND GUJARAT**

213. **SHRI RAJU BISTA:**
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken a cultural mapping in West Bengal and Gujarat States under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping;
- (b) the details of programs undertaken under the Cultural Mapping Mission;
- (c) the number of artists and institutions registered, State/UT-wise including West Bengal and Gujarat under the mission till date and the benefits/assistance extended to the registered artists/institutions; and
- (d) the details of the cultures or villages that were mapped in Gujarat and West Bengal State, especially in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong; and
- (e) whether the Government planning to expand the mission and if so, the details thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Ministry of Culture is working on the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM) for building a comprehensive data base of artists, art forms and other resources gathered from cultural organizations in the Ministry of Culture, other Ministries and also States including Gujarat and West Bengal on a robust IT-enabled platform. So far 14.53 lakhs artists/artisans have been registered on NMCM portal through secondary sources State/UT-wise. However, no direct benefits or assistance has been extended through this Mission to the registered artists/institutions.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration with the Government.