

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

PROMOTION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES

2159: SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of any steps being taken by the entrepreneurial community in the country to promote the learning of regional Indian languages and dialects using technology, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) Whether the Government plans to promote cultural exchanges between the Indian students and students of East Asian countries like China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and if so, the details thereof?

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

- (a) No Sir
- (b) Yes. The National school of Drama, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, as a member of Asian Theatre Education Centre, Asia Pacific Bond & BRICS undertakes student exchange in the field of Theatre. In 2016, National school of Drama organized the Asia Pacific Bond festival in which the students & faculty from the theatre institutions of South Korea, China, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan etc. participated & showcased their performance in the international theatre festival.