

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2021**

CULTURAL MAPPING DATA ON ART AND LITERATURE

225. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for cultural mapping data on art and literature forms of the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Karnataka cultural heritage including Sharana, Sufi and Dasa saahitya in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) 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. Objectives stated are as under:

- i. National Cultural Awareness Abhiyan : Hamari Sanskriti Hamari Pahchan Abhiyan or Our Culture Our Identity.
- ii. Nationwide Artist Talent Hunt/Scouting Programme: Sanskritik Pratibha Khoj Abhiyan.
- iii. National Cultural Workplace: Centralized Transactional Web Portal with database and demography of cultural assets and resources including all art forms and artists.

(c) & (d) There are 7 Zones in which Cultural Centres have been established. Karnataka is a member State of South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur and South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC), Nagpur. These ZCCs engage artists from the State of Karnataka to showcase their art/talent at Pan-India level. Besides, Sahitya Akademi which is also an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture is involved in publishing books related to Sharana, Sufi and Dasa Sahitya which is a part of Cultural Heritage of Karnataka. A list of prominent works on the subject published by the Sahitya Akademi is **Annexed**.

**List of Prominent Publications of Sahitya Akademi
on Sharana, Sufi and Dasa Sahitya.**

1. Sri Basavannanara Vachana Sangraha (Kannada)
(Selected Vachanas of Basavanna)
Compiled by S.S. Malwad
2. Basavesvara (Monograph on Kannada Saint Poet in English)
By H. Thipperudraswamy
(The monograph is available in Hindi, Maithili, Malayalam, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu translations)
3. Purandaradasaru (Monograph in Kannada)
By G. Varadaraja Rao
(The monograph is available in Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil and Urdu translations)
4. Songs of Purandaradasa (English)
Comp. & Tr. by Mydur Raghunandana
5. Sarvajana Vachana Sangrah (Kannada)
(Selected Vachanas of Saint Poet Sarvajana)
Edited by M. Mariappa Bhatta

