

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1359
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

CLASSICAL STATUS TO ODISHI MUSIC

1359. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received repeated requests from the Odia community and various representatives regarding the need to give classical status to Odishi music (vocal and instrumental) classical status, so that it may popularize music and bring joy to music lovers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering granting classical status to Odishi music; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G.KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

(a & b) Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization working under M/o Culture, Government of India, has received proposals from the following in this regard:

1. Guru Gopal Chandra Panda, Founder President/ Chairman, Guru Gopal Panda Odishi Academy, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
2. Prof. P.K. Mishra, Chairman, Institute of Indian Music, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
3. Dr. Amar Patnaik, Member, Rajya Sabha

(c & d) The Government does not confer classical status to any Musical form.
