

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.83
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

IDENTIFICATION OF FORGOTTEN HEROES OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE

83. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for identifying the forgotten heroes of freedom struggle as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the list of 'Unsung Heroes' of freedom struggle identified at the National Level and from the State of Kerala along with their contribution to the freedom struggle or political affiliation;
- (c) whether it is true that freedom fighters who participated in the 'Punnapra-Vayalar' and Kayyur Struggle in Kerala have been excluded from the list of 'Unsung Heroes' and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government intends to include freedom fighters who participated in the 'Punnapra-Vayalar' and Kayyur Struggle in Kerala in the list of 'Unsung Heroes';
and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir. As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India is endeavoring to recall and remember forgotten heroes of our freedom struggle, many of whom might be renowned yet unknown to the new generation. The aim is to collect and bring forth stories of our Unsung Heroes, which lie as faded memories of the past, to serve as an inspiration and encouragement for the coming generations. A beginning in this direction has been made by creating a

dedicated page for the Unsung Heroes on Amrit Mahotsav website (<https://amritmahotsav.nic.in/unsung-heroes.htm>).

Apart from inviting contribution from the public through online platform such as the MyGov (<https://www.mygov.in/group-issue/know-any-unsung-heroes-freedom-Movement-tell-us/>), and from the district administrations as part of Digital District Repository (DDR) programme, the Ministry of Culture has also launched a special project to discover, document and publish stories of Unsung Heroes of our freedom struggle from across the country. For this purpose leading historians have been engaged in every State/ Union Territory of India to research and contribute stories pertaining to Unsung Heroes of their respective State/ UT. As a result many heroes are being identified and their stories are being hosted on the AKAM website.

(b) The stories of Unsung Heroes, including stories of Unsung Heroes from Kerala, have been uploaded on AKAM website.

(<https://amritmahotsav.nic.in/unsung-heroes.htm>).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. In fact both these Movements have also been listed in the List of Movements Recognized by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for Grant of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension.

(e) Not Applicable in view of (d) above.