

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 300
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

PROMOTION OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

†*300.SHRI PATEL UMESHBHAI BABUBHAI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote cultural development programmes in the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is working on any action plan to patronize and promote famous folk/traditional and other artists of the said Union Territories;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any specific scheme for promoting the talent of the said artists at international level; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) IN RESPECT OF
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REGARDING PROMOTION OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMES ASKED BY SHRI PATEL UMESH BHAJ BABUBHAI**

(a) & (b) Government of India has set up West Zone Cultural Centre (WZCC) at Udaipur to promote the rich cultural heritage of its member States which includes the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. WZCC organizes various cultural activities & programmes in its member States for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them. The festivals, fairs and workshops organized by WZCC from 2022-23 to 2024-25 in Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of program	Venue	Date	No. of artists	Expenditure (Rs. in lakh)
1	Summer Camp	Daman	23 May to 6 June, 2022	04	0.50
2	Kathak Workshop	Diu	24 to 28 May, 2022	02	0.54
3	Balotsav Theatre Workshop	Daman	23 May to 9 June, 2022	02	1.01
4	Mixed Media workshop	Diu	15-19 June, 2022	01	0.31
5	Nareli Purnima	UT of Daman & DNH	11-13 Aug, 2022	53	3.35
6	North East Festival	Diu	11-13 Oct, 2022	64	7.54
7	Inauguration of Devka Sea Front	Daman	25 Apr, 2023	71	3.00
8	Charcoal Workshop	Bal Bhavan, Diu	18 to 21 July, 2023	30	0.50
9	Independence Day Program	Daman	14-15 Aug, 2023	16	0.87
10	Mansoon Festival	DNH	24-30 Aug, 2023	63	4.85
11	Nareli Purnima	Daman	30 Aug to 1 Sept, 2023	70	5.51
12	Meri Matti Mera Desh	UT Daman & Diu	2 to 13 Oct, 2023	20	1.81
13	Chitrangan Camp	Diu	25-31 July, 2024	12	6.00
14	Nareli Purnima	Daman	19 Aug, 2024	28	1.50

(c) & (d) Folk/traditional artists of Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are engaged by WZCC to showcase their talents in the cultural programmes/activities organized by them for which artists are paid honorarium, DA/TA, boarding & lodging etc. to enable them to earn their livelihood.

(e)& (f) Ministry of Culture implements a scheme titled “Global Engagement Scheme” to promote India’s rich cultural heritage including the Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and enhance India’s image in the global arena in a concerted manner. The objective of the Scheme is to provide artists practicing Indian art forms an opportunity to perform abroad under the banner of ‘Festival of India’. Under the Scheme, artists from diverse cultural fields such as Folk art which includes Folk/ Classical/ Semi Classical Music, Folk Dance & Theatre, Puppetry, Classical and Traditional Dance, Experimental/ Contemporary Dance, Theatre etc. perform in the ‘Festival of India’ abroad. All expenditure on deputation of these artists is incurred by the Government. Ministry of Culture has empanelled artists/ groups under various art forms and artists are selected from the empanelled list for performing in the Festivals abroad.
