

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015

PROGRAMMES ON AWARENESS OF INDIAN CULTURE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) the salient features of the National Policy for preservation, protection and promotion of Indian culture along with mechanism for its implementation and future action plan therefor;
- b) whether the Government encourages the citizens of India to connect them with the national cultural spirit and the outlines of annual programmes for its expansion and for the purpose of making it acceptable to all;
- c) if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER
OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a): The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve, promote and protect the rich tangible and intangible cultural heritage of the country which it fulfils through its organizations. The organizations work in the area of dance, music, theatre, art, literature, museums, archives, libraries, archaeology, anthropology, folk culture and Buddhist traditions.

(b) to (d): The various organizations of the Ministry undertake activities throughout the year in accordance with their mandate. Their programmes are well publicized in the social, electronic and print media. The organizations make special efforts to involve youth and children so as to connect them with various aspects of Indian culture. The programmes conducted by these organizations cater to the needs of all sections of society and are aimed at promoting a sense of pride about India's ancient and diverse culture amongst the citizens of India.